

(E) THE SUPERINTENDENT, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, SHALL GRANT AWARDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BASED UPON THE COMPARATIVE NEEDS OF EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS DETERMINED BY THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION. NO SINGLE AWARD SHALL INITIALLY EXCEED 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AID BUDGETED IN THE FUND FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR. ANY FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE INITIAL ALLOCATION OF AID MAY BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS, AS DETERMINED BY THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

(F) THE AID DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED AS AN ADDITION TO AND MAY NOT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR MONEYS APPROPRIATED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN THE FUND FOR ACQUIRING OR REPLACING PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR.

(G) (1) EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MUST EXPEND FUNDS FOR ACQUIRING OR REPLACING PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR FROM ITS OWN SOURCES THAT ARE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF STATE AID AWARDED FROM THE FUND.

(2) AFTER A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RECEIVES NOTICE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF EXPENDITURES ON PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR TO THE SUPERINTENDENT. AFTER CERTIFYING THE EXPENDITURES, THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY AUTHORIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF ONE-HALF OF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S EXPENDITURES, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF THE GRANT AMOUNT.

(H) IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE COST OF PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR, THE SUPERINTENDENT SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR IN BULK.

(I) THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY BY SEPTEMBER 1 TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF AID PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION AND THE RATIO OF PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR TO POLICE OFFICERS IN EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION OF THE STATE THAT APPLIED FOR AID FROM THE FUND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1995.

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