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SB3089

Introduced 1/11/2022, by Sen. Ram Villivalam

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

5 ILCS 100/5-45.21 new

30 ILCS 105/5.970 new

Creates the Microstamping Funding Program Act. Creates in the State treasury the Microstamp-ready Firearms Fund to be administered by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the purpose of issuing grants to law enforcement agencies to purchase or replenish microstamp-ready firearms or insertable microstamping components or mechanisms to be installed in firearms, or both, for their officers. Provides that subject to appropriation, the State Comptroller shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Microstamp-ready Firearms Fund \$500,000 to establish a grant program for microstamp-ready firearms in Illinois. Provides that the program shall award: (1) grants between \$35,000 and \$50,000, for the replenishment of new microstamp-ready firearms or insertable microstamping components or mechanisms, or both, for their law enforcement officers. One of these grants shall be for a State law enforcement agency, and the other 3 shall be for 3 municipal law enforcement agencies of municipalities with a population between 50,000 and 200,000 that purchase firearms for their officers through a quartermaster system, in which the quartermaster is responsible for the purchase, inventory, and dissemination of uniforms and equipment to officers; and (2) grants between \$5,000 to \$20,000 to law enforcement agencies of municipalities with a population between 30,000 and 200,000 to assist with the purchase of firearms by new officers. Provides that the grant funds shall only be used for the purchase of microstamp-ready firearms or microstamping components or mechanisms, or both, to be installed in firearms by law enforcement agencies that are grant recipients. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority must establish the grant program and post the Notice of Funding Opportunity no later than September 1, 2022. Provides for emergency rulemaking. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning firearms.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Microstamping Funding Program Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
7 finds that:

8 Law enforcement makes an arrest in only 35% of firearm
9 homicides and 21% of firearm assaults when the victim was
10 Black or Hispanic. Microstamping is a powerful crime-solving
11 tool that can help law enforcement quickly solve gun crimes.
12 Microstamping is a reliable ballistics identification tool,
13 and can greatly enhance traditional ballistics analysis and
14 the current National Integrated Ballistics Information Network
15 (NIBIN) system by providing a direct link between a spent
16 cartridge case and a firearm.

17 The leads generated from fired cartridge cases, bearing
18 microstamps found at crime scenes, have the potential to help
19 law enforcement solve gun-related crimes while limiting
20 negative interactions with law enforcement, especially in
21 minority communities. While this crime-solving technology
22 exists, firearm manufacturers have not yet produced
23 microstamp-ready firearms.

1 It behooves the State to install a program in partnership
2 with law enforcement to bring microstamp-ready firearms into
3 use in Illinois.

4 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

5 "CGIC" means the Crime Gun Intelligence Center.

6 "Microstamp-ready" means that the firearm is capable of
7 producing a unique alphanumeric or geometric code on at least
8 one location on each expended cartridge case that can be used
9 to identify the make, model, and serial number of the firearm.

10 "Microstamping component or mechanism" means a component
11 or mechanism of a firearm or an insertable component or
12 mechanism designed and intended to produce a unique
13 alphanumeric or geometric code on an expended cartridge that
14 identifies the make, model, and serial number of the firearm.

15 "NIBIN" means the National Integrated Ballistics
16 Information Network.

17 Section 15. Grants for microstamp-ready firearms or
18 insertable microstamping components or mechanisms, or both.

19 (a) There is created in the State treasury the
20 Microstamp-ready Firearms Fund to be administered by the
21 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the
22 purpose of issuing grants to law enforcement agencies to
23 purchase or replenish microstamp-ready firearms or insertable
24 microstamping components or mechanisms to be installed in

1 firearms, or both, for their officers.

2 (b) Subject to appropriation, the State Comptroller shall
3 transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Microstamp-ready
4 Firearms Fund \$500,000 to establish a grant program for
5 microstamp-ready firearms in Illinois. The program shall
6 award:

7 (1) Replenishment grants: grants between \$35,000 and
8 \$50,000, for the replenishment of new microstamp-ready
9 firearms or insertable microstamping components or
10 mechanisms, or both, for their law enforcement officers.
11 One of these grants shall be for a State law enforcement
12 agency, and the other 3 shall be for 3 municipal law
13 enforcement agencies of municipalities with a population
14 between 50,000 and 200,000 that purchase firearms for
15 their officers through a quartermaster system, in which
16 the quartermaster is responsible for the purchase,
17 inventory, and dissemination of uniforms and equipment to
18 officers.

19 (2) New officer grants: grants between \$5,000 to
20 \$20,000 to law enforcement agencies of municipalities with
21 a population between 30,000 and 200,000 to assist with the
22 purchase of firearms by new officers.

23 (c) Nothing in this Act prohibits State or municipal law
24 enforcement agencies from purchasing or replenishing
25 microstamp-ready firearms or insertable microstamping
26 components or mechanisms, or both, for their law enforcement

1 officers from funding sources independent of the provisions of
2 this Act.

3 Section 20. Administration and restrictions. The grant
4 program shall be administered by the Illinois Criminal Justice
5 Information Authority and the grant funds shall only be used
6 for the purchase of microstamp-ready firearms or microstamping
7 components or mechanisms, or both, to be installed in firearms
8 by law enforcement agencies that are grant recipients.

9 Section 25. Education and training. Education and training
10 associated with microstamp-ready firearms, and integration
11 with the NIBIN and CGIC in Illinois shall be included in the
12 program.

13 Section 30. Grant application and participation. The
14 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority shall
15 establish the objectives and provide direction for the
16 program's grant application process, by which qualified law
17 enforcement agencies can apply to receive funds for
18 microstamp-ready firearms or insertable microstamping
19 components or mechanisms, or both, for use by their officers.
20 Law enforcement agencies participating in the grant program
21 must have their officers using the microstamp-ready firearms
22 or insertable microstamping components or mechanisms, or both,
23 as soon as they are delivered. The Illinois Criminal Justice

1 Information Authority must establish the grant program and
2 post the Notice of Funding Opportunity no later than September
3 1, 2022.

4 All grants under this program must be awarded by June 30,
5 2023.

6 Law enforcement agencies that have been awarded funds must
7 use the funds within one year of receipt or the funds shall be
8 returned to the State treasury to be deposited into the
9 General Revenue Fund. Funds are only to be used for the
10 purchase of microstamp-ready firearms or insertable
11 microstamping components or mechanisms to be installed in
12 firearms.

13 Section 35. Data collection. The Illinois Criminal Justice
14 Information Authority shall collect data from each grant
15 recipient, including but not limited to: the number of
16 microstamp-ready firearms or insertable microstamping
17 components or mechanisms, or both, purchased, manufacturer,
18 number of officers using the microstamp-ready firearms, and
19 the number of microstamp-ready firearms that are discharged in
20 the first year of use.

21 Section 90. The Illinois Administrative Procedure Act is
22 amended by adding Section 5-45.21 as follows:

23 (5 ILCS 100/5-45.21 new)

1 Sec. 5-45.21. Emergency rulemaking; Illinois Criminal
2 Justice Information Authority. To provide for the expeditious
3 and timely implementation of the Microstamping Funding Program
4 Act, emergency rules implementing the Microstamping Funding
5 Program Act may be adopted in accordance with Section 5-45 by
6 the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. The
7 adoption of emergency rules authorized by Section 5-45 and
8 this Section is deemed to be necessary for the public
9 interest, safety, and welfare.

10 This Section is repealed one year after the effective date
11 of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly.

12 Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
13 Section 5.970 as follows:

14 (30 ILCS 105/5.970 new)

15 Sec. 5.970. The Microstamp-ready Firearms Fund.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.