

1 AN ACT relating to creation of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention and making
2 an appropriation therefor.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) The Office of Gun Violence Prevention is hereby established within the*
7 *Department for Public Health. The purpose of the office is to oversee the*
8 *collection of information and resources related to gun violence policy prevention*
9 *and services affecting communities within the Commonwealth.*

10 *(2) A report on the operations of the office shall be made to the secretary of the*
11 *Cabinet for Health and Family Services within ninety (90) days of the effective*
12 *date of this Act. An annual report on the operation of the office shall be made to*
13 *the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services by*
14 *December 1 of each year.*

15 *(3) The duties of the office shall include but not be limited to:*

16 *(a) Disseminating information and guidance relating to community gun*
17 *violence intervention for community-based gun violence intervention*
18 *programs, which shall be designed to promote:*

19 *1. Obtaining alternative funding sources other than the Commonwealth,*
20 *including local government and private sources;*

21 *2. Establishing clearly defined and measurable objectives intended to*
22 *demonstrate a program that is developed and evaluated through*
23 *scientific research and data collection with measurable evidence of*
24 *positive outcomes related to gun violence prevention and intervention;*

25 *3. Establishing or enhancing community-based violence intervention*
26 *programs;*

27 *4. Coordinating with existing violence intervention programs to*

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minimize duplication of services;

5. Creating a plan for collection, assessment, and analysis of relevant data;

6. Providing outreach to the community related to the education and training of law enforcement personnel and other criminal justice officials to the needs of victims of violent crimes in the community, to perpetrators of violent crimes, and to witnesses of violent crimes involved in criminal prosecution; and

7. Identifying and applying for grants to expand the scope of services provided by the office while reducing state costs.

(b) Performing other duties relevant to policy development and implementation to support communities impacted by gun violence.

➔Section 2. There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the amount of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Department for Public Health, Office of Gun Violence Prevention for the purposes outlined in Section 1 of this Act. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, the General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2022-2023 and fiscal year 2023-2024 shall not lapse and shall carry forward in the Office of Gun Violence Prevention.