PUBLIC BODY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ACT

Act 378 of 2004

AN ACT to allow certain public bodies to create law enforcement agencies and grant certain powers and authority to law enforcement officers employed by those agencies; to require those law enforcement officers to meet certain standards; to prescribe certain powers and duties of those law enforcement agencies; to provide for certain powers of public bodies; and to provide for certain powers and duties of state and local agencies and officers.

History: 2004, Act 378, Imd. Eff. Oct. 12, 2004

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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28.581 Short title.

Sec. 1.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "public body law enforcement agency act".

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28.582 Definitions.

Sec. 2.

As used in this act:

(a) "Governing entity" means either of the following, as applicable:

(i) For any public body except a public body described in subparagraph (ii), the governing board of the public body.

(ii) In the case of a public body that is a qualifying school district under part 5a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.371 to 380.376, the chief executive officer of the school district, subject to the concurrence of the school reform board of the school district.

(b) "Public body" means either of the following, within this state:

(i) A multicounty metropolitan district authorized and established pursuant to state law by 2 or more counties with a combined population of not less than 3,000,000, for the purpose of cooperative planning, promoting, acquiring, constructing, owning, developing, maintaining, or operating parks.

(ii) A school district in this state that has a membership of at least 20,000 pupils and that includes in its territory a city with a population of at least 180,000 as of the most recent federal decennial census.

History: 2004, Act 378, Imd. Eff. Oct. 12, 2004

28.583 Creation of law enforcement agency by public body.

Sec. 3.

A public body may create a law enforcement agency by resolution of its governing entity. The public body may grant to law enforcement officers of that law enforcement agency the same powers, immunities, and authority as are granted by law to peace officers and police officers to detect crime and to enforce the criminal laws of this state and to enforce state laws, local ordinances, and the ordinances and regulations of the public body. Law enforcement

officers to whom the authority of peace officers and police officers is granted under this section are considered peace officers of this state and have the authority of police officers provided under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, and as provided under the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 760.1 to 777.69.

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28.584 Approval of prosecuting attorney and sheriff; public hearings.

Sec. 4.

(1) A public body shall not create a law enforcement agency under this act unless, before that agency is created, the governing entity obtains the approval of the prosecuting attorney of each county within which the public body owns, maintains, or controls property. If the property of the public body is located entirely within 1 city, the public body also shall obtain the approval of the chief of police of that city. If the property of the public body is not located entirely within 1 city, the public body also shall obtain the approval of the sheriff of each county within which the public body owns, maintains, or controls property. If all the property of the public body is located within a county which does not have a first class school district as defined in 1976 PA 451, the public body shall also obtain the approval of the county sheriff. Before granting that approval, the prosecuting attorney, the sheriff, if required, and the chief of police, if required, shall make a determination that the proposed law enforcement agency is needed to assure adequate public safety on the property of the public body and that the proposed agency can comply with the minimum guidelines established under section 6.

(2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1), before creating a law enforcement agency under this act, the governing entity shall hold not fewer than 2 public hearings in the proposed law enforcement agency's jurisdiction on the question of creating the proposed law enforcement agency. The governing entity shall make a record of the hearing and shall provide copies of the record to all of the prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, and chiefs of police from whom approval is required by this section.

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28.585 Law enforcement agency oversight committee.

Sec. 5.

(1) A public body that creates a law enforcement agency under this act shall appoint a law enforcement agency oversight committee consisting of not less than 6 individuals nominated and appointed by the governing entity of the public body, as follows:

(a) Two elected officials from a city, village, township, or county in which all or part of the property of the public body is located.

(b) Not less than 2 representatives of local law enforcement, 1 of whom shall not be of supervisory or management rank.

(c) Two individuals representing the general public who reside within the proposed law enforcement agency's jurisdiction.

(2) A law enforcement agency oversight committee shall receive and address public complaints concerning that law enforcement agency or its officers. The committee may recommend to the public body that an investigation be conducted regarding alleged misconduct by any law enforcement officer from that law enforcement agency.

(3) A law enforcement agency created under this act shall not begin operations until the oversight committee for that law enforcement agency is appointed and takes office.

History: 2004, Act 378, Imd. Eff. Oct. 12, 2004

28.586 Law enforcement agency; requirement of public funding, liability insurance, and written policies; documentation; failure to maintain standards.

Sec. 6.

(1) A law enforcement agency created under this act shall comply with all of the following requirements:

(a) The agency shall be funded by the appropriation of public funds only.

(b) The agency shall maintain liability insurance.

(c) The agency shall establish and abide by written policies pertaining to all of the following:

(i) The authority of its law enforcement officers, including the extent of those officers' authority to enforce the criminal laws of this state and other state laws, local ordinances, and ordinances and regulations of the public body. If the law enforcement officers of that agency are granted any additional authority through deputization by a county sheriff or chief of police, the written policies shall describe that authority.

(ii) The specific geographic boundaries of the agency's jurisdiction.

(iii) The authority and responsibility of the chief law enforcement officer of the agency.

(iv) Employee discipline.

(v) The legal status of agencies and personnel who respond to mutual aid requests.

(vi) Any other written policy or procedure consistent with a policy or procedure implemented by the sheriff or chief of police whose approval is required under section 4.

(vii) The requirement to maintain employment history records under the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.615.

(viii) Any other policy or procedure required by statute.

(d) The agency shall develop and maintain an organizational chart describing the structure of the agency and the responsibilities and authority within the agency and shall develop and maintain written employment position descriptions for all personnel in the agency.

(2) A public body that creates a law enforcement agency under this act shall present written documentation of compliance with this section to each county prosecuting attorney and sheriff, or chief of police when applicable, before approval is granted under section 4. A copy of this documentation shall be filed with the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards along with written approval from all affected prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, or chiefs of police.

(3) The public body shall maintain compliance with the requirements of this section. Failure to maintain these minimum standards shall constitute just cause for the county prosecuting attorneys and sheriffs or chiefs of police, by unanimous written approval, to withdraw the approval granted under section 4. Before withdrawal of that approval, the prosecuting attorney and sheriff or chief of police shall hold not fewer than 2 public hearings in the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction on the question of whether maintenance of minimum standards has failed.

History: 2004, Act 378, Imd. Eff. Oct. 12, 2004 ;-- Am. 2016, Act 298, Eff. Jan. 2, 2017

28.587 Maintenance of employment history records; compliance with Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act.

Sec. 7.

(1) A public body that creates a law enforcement agency under this act shall comply with the requirement to maintain employment history records for officers in its employ under the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.615.

(2) Law enforcement officers to whom the powers, immunities, and authority of peace and police officers are granted under section 3 shall meet the minimum employment standards of the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.615.

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28.588 Passage of rules, regulations, and ordinances by multicounty metropolitan district; penalties; notice.

Sec. 8.

(1) The governing board of a public body that is a multicounty metropolitan district may do the following:

(a) Adopt and amend all necessary rules, regulations, and ordinances for the management, government, and use of any property under its control, establish penalties for the violation of the rules, regulations, and ordinances, and enforce the penalties.

(b) Adopt and enact rules, regulations, and ordinances designed to safeguard the public peace and health and for the safety of persons and property upon or within the limits of the properties under its control. The subjects of the rules, regulations, and ordinances may include, but not be limited to, the proper policing and supervision of persons and property, the regulation or prohibition of parking, and the regulation of signs and other things which may impede or make dangerous the use of roads, lanes, or thoroughfares, within the limits of the properties under the governing board's control.

(2) The governing board of the public body that adopts an ordinance under this section shall provide in each ordinance a sanction for violation of the ordinance. Violations may be punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than $500.00, or both, if the violation substantially corresponds to a violation of state law that is a misdemeanor for which the maximum period of imprisonment is 93 days. To the extent permitted by state law, the governing board may adopt an ordinance that designates a violation of the ordinance as a state civil infraction and provides a civil fine for that violation.

(3) An ordinance passed by the governing board of a public body under this section shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory of the public body. An ordinance is effective immediately upon its publication, unless a specific effective date that is subsequent to the date of the publication of the ordinance is provided for in the ordinance. The publication of a summary or a true copy of an ordinance after final passage, as a part of the published proceedings of the governing board, constitutes publication of the ordinance.

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28.589 Jurisdiction of law enforcement agency.

Sec. 9.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the jurisdiction of law enforcement officers appointed under section 3 is limited to property owned or leased by the public body, wherever situated in this state, and shall extend to any public right-of-way traversing or immediately contiguous to the property. The jurisdiction of those law enforcement officers may be extended by state law governing peace officers or through deputization by a county sheriff if authorized by the governing entity.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the jurisdiction of law enforcement officers who are granted powers and authority under section 3 and are employed by a school district shall include all territory within the boundaries of the school district and all property outside the boundaries of the school district that is owned, leased, or rented by or is otherwise under the legal control of the school district that employs the public safety officers.

(3) A public law enforcement agency established under section 3 and each local law enforcement agency with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that establishes reasonable communication and coordination efforts between those law enforcement agencies. If the public law enforcement agency is a qualifying school district under section 2(b)(ii), the memorandum of understanding shall also establish jurisdiction of the public law enforcement agency.

(4) This act does not limit the jurisdiction of state, county, or municipal peace officers.

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28.590 Submission of monthly uniform crime reports.

Sec. 10.

A law enforcement agency created under this act shall submit monthly uniform crime reports pertaining to crimes occurring within the agency's jurisdiction to the department of state police in the manner prescribed in section 1 of 1968 PA 319, MCL 28.251.

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