

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law creates the Law Enforcement Pursuit Safety and Technology Grant Program within the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice (commission) to fund state, parish, and municipal law enforcement agencies for the acquisition and training related to technology and devices designed to safely terminate high-speed vehicle pursuits.

New law requires the commission to administer the program based on the uniform guidelines promulgated by the commission.

New law requires the funds be used for pursuit intervention training or the purchase of pursuit intervention technology and devices to enhance pursuit safety, including but not limited to:

- (1) GPS tracking projectiles.
- (2) Vehicle-stopping nets or tethering systems, such as the Grappler.
- (3) Remote-controlled tire deflation devices.

New law authorizes the commission to receive funds, grants, donations, or other assistance from any source, including federal funds from the Hwy. Safety Improvement Program, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, the National Hwy. Traffic Safety Administration, the Homeland Security Grant Program, the Community Oriented Policing Services Technology and Equipment Program, the Community Policing Development Microgrants Program, and the La. Dept. of Transportation and Development in furtherance of the state's Strategic Hwy. Safety Plan for the purposes of this program.

New law requires the commission to prioritize grant applications from agencies that have integrated pursuit technologies into policy that emphasize law enforcement safety by reducing manual deployment risks.

New law establishes the Pursuit Safety and Officer Technology Fund (fund) as a special fund within the state treasury.

New law requires the treasurer deposit into the fund monies transferred, appropriated, or dedicated to the fund and that those funds be appropriated by the legislature to the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice and be used solely for the following purposes:

- (1) To provide grants to state, parish, and municipal law enforcement agencies for the acquisition of pursuit intervention technology, including GPS tracking projectiles, remote-deployment tire deflation devices, and vehicle-tethering systems.
- (2) To provide grants to state, parish, and municipal law enforcement agencies for the development and implementation of training programs for the safe deployment of pursuit intervention devices and technology.
- (3) Administrative costs of the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice associated with the grant program for no more than 5% of the annual fund balance.

New law requires monies in the fund be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Requires the interest earned on investment of monies in the fund be credited to the fund. Further requires that unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year remain in the fund.

Designates new law as the "Sergeant Grant Candies Officer Safety Act".

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 40:2401.4 and 2401.5)