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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative Thomas A. Tangretti
DATE: March 1, 2005
SUBJECT: Re-introduction of Legislation:
POLICE AGENCY LOAN FUND
MUNICIPAL POLICE START-UP FEE FUND

In the coming weeks, I plan to reintroduce two proposals aimed at providing much needed financial assistance to our local police departments.

The first proposal, previously House Bill 1079, establishes a loan program for local police agencies through the issuance of a bond. The Governor's Center for Local Government Services within the Department of Community and Economic Development will administer this program with the bond proceeds to be deposited into a new fund called the Police Agency Loan Fund.

Previous co-sponsors include: Ross, Dally, Belardi, Belfanti, Browne, Bunt, Cappelli, Casorio, Cawley, Civera, Corrigan, Crahalla, Cruz, Daley, DeWeese, Fairchild, Frankel, Freeman, Geist, George, Goodman, Grucela, Harhai, Harhart, Hennessey, Herman, James, Keller, Kotik, Leach, Lederer, Mackereth, Mann, McCall, McGeehan, R. Miller, Pickett, Pistella, Readshaw, Reichley, Sainato, Santoni, Schroder, Shaner, B. Smith, Solobay, Stern, Sturla, E. Z. Taylor, Tigie, Wansacz, Wilt, Wojnaroski, Yudichak and Harper.

The second proposal, previously House Bill 1080, establishes the Municipal Police Start-up Fee Fund through revenue generated from a surcharge on criminal convictions. The funds from this program will be available to municipalities that do not have local police departments who wish to establish local police departments or join local regional forces.

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If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Cynthia Clory at 3-5963 or cclory@pahouse.net.