

HB 530 -- Neighborhood Watch Fund

Sponsor: Butler

This bill creates the Neighborhood Watch Fund which will consist of money to be distributed to counties, cities, towns, other political subdivisions, or wards in St. Louis City for the creation or establishment of neighborhood watch organizations. The Director of the Department of Public Safety will create an application, establish procedures to qualify, and administer the fund. The department must determine any disbursements from the fund based on the application submitted and must give priority to areas with a "high crime rate," defined as an area that is in the top 25% of all counties with the highest overall crime rate according to the most recent State Highway Patrol Uniform Crime Reporting Program.