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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to community redevelopment and
3 neighborhood improvement; amending s. 163.340,
4 F.S.; including the reduction or prevention of
5 crime within community redevelopment activities
6 under the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969
7 and defining "community policing innovation";
8 amending ss. 163.345, 163.350, 163.356,
9 163.358, 163.360, 163.361, 163.370, 163.380 and
10 163.387, F.S.; including the development and
11 implementation of community policing
12 innovations in provisions relating to the
13 encouragement of private enterprise
14 participation in redevelopment, elements of the
15 workable program, exercise of powers under the
16 act, and elements of the community
17 redevelopment plan; authorizing the county or
18 municipality to appropriate funds for community
19 policing innovations; authorizing use of moneys
20 in the redevelopment trust fund for community
21 policing innovations; providing an additional
22 requirement for acquisition of land for
23 nonresidential uses; authorizing a county,
24 municipality, or community redevelopment
25 agency, subject to specified conditions, to
26 acquire and dispose of certain properties
27 immediately adjacent to existing projects
28 without complying with specified disposition
29 procedures; amending ss. 163.502, 163.503,
30 163.506, 163.511, 163.512, 163.513, 163.514,
31 163.516, 163.519, and 163.521, F.S.; including

1 crime prevention through development and
2 implementation of community policing
3 innovations in powers of neighborhood
4 improvement districts under the Safe
5 Neighborhoods Act; authorizing use of special
6 assessments for community policing innovations;
7 including community policing innovations within
8 safe neighborhood improvement plans; providing
9 duties of the Department of Legal Affairs with
10 respect to community policing innovations;
11 including capital improvements related to
12 community policing innovations in provisions
13 that authorize certain local governments to
14 request state funding for certain capital
15 improvements; creating s. 943.1729, F.S.;
16 authorizing the Criminal Justice Standards and
17 Training Commission to incorporate community
18 policing concepts into law enforcement
19 officers' certification curriculum and
20 establish a community policing
21 continued-employment training component for
22 such officers; providing an effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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26 Section 1. Subsections (9) and (12) of section
27 163.340, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (23) is
28 added to that section, to read:

29 163.340 Definitions.--The following terms, wherever
30 used or referred to in this part, have the following meanings:

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1 (9) "Community redevelopment" or "redevelopment" means
2 undertakings, activities, or projects of a county,
3 municipality, or community redevelopment agency in a community
4 redevelopment area for the elimination and prevention of the
5 development or spread of slums and blight, or for the
6 reduction or prevention of crime, or for the provision of
7 affordable housing, whether for rent or for sale, to residents
8 of low or moderate income, including the elderly, and may
9 include slum clearance and redevelopment in a community
10 redevelopment area or rehabilitation or conservation in a
11 community redevelopment area, or any combination or part
12 thereof, in accordance with a community redevelopment plan and
13 may include the preparation of such a plan.

14 (12) "Related activities" means:

15 (a) Planning work for the preparation of a general
16 neighborhood redevelopment plan or for the preparation or
17 completion of a communitywide plan or program pursuant to s.
18 163.365.

19 (b) The functions related to the acquisition and
20 disposal of real property pursuant to s. 163.370(3).

21 (c) The development of affordable housing for
22 residents of the area.

23 (d) The development of community policing innovations.

24 (23) "Community policing innovation" means a policing
25 technique or strategy designed to reduce crime by reducing
26 opportunities for, and increasing the perceived risks of
27 engaging in, criminal activity through visible presence of
28 police in the community, including, but not limited to,
29 community mobilization, neighborhood block watch, citizen
30 patrol, citizen contact patrol, foot patrol, neighborhood
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1 storefront police stations, field interrogation, or
2 intensified motorized patrol.

3 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 163.345, Florida
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 163.345 Encouragement of private enterprise.--

6 (1) Any county or municipality, to the greatest extent
7 it determines to be feasible in carrying out the provisions of
8 this part, shall afford maximum opportunity, consistent with
9 the sound needs of the county or municipality as a whole, to
10 the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the community
11 redevelopment area by private enterprise. Any county or
12 municipality shall give consideration to this objective in
13 exercising its powers under this part, including the
14 formulation of a workable program; the approval of community
15 redevelopment plans, communitywide plans or programs for
16 community redevelopment, and general neighborhood
17 redevelopment plans (consistent with the general plan of the
18 county or municipality); the development and implementation of
19 community policing innovations; the exercise of its zoning
20 powers; the enforcement of other laws, codes, and regulations
21 relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of
22 buildings and improvements; the development of affordable
23 housing; the disposition of any property acquired; and the
24 provision of necessary public improvements.

25 Section 3. Section 163.350, Florida Statutes, is
26 amended to read:

27 163.350 Workable program.--Any county or municipality
28 for the purposes of this part may formulate for the county or
29 municipality a workable program for utilizing appropriate
30 private and public resources to eliminate and prevent the
31 development or spread of slums and urban blight, to encourage

1 needed community rehabilitation, to provide for the
2 redevelopment of slum and blighted areas, to provide housing
3 affordable to residents of low or moderate income, including
4 the elderly, or to undertake such of the aforesaid activities
5 or other feasible county or municipal activities as may be
6 suitably employed to achieve the objectives of such workable
7 program. Such workable program may include provision for the
8 prevention of the spread of blight into areas of the county or
9 municipality which are free from blight through diligent
10 enforcement of housing, zoning, and occupancy controls and
11 standards; the rehabilitation or conservation of slum and
12 blighted areas or portions thereof by replanning, removing
13 congestion, providing parks, playgrounds, and other public
14 improvements, encouraging voluntary rehabilitation, and
15 compelling the repair and rehabilitation of deteriorated or
16 deteriorating structures; the development of affordable
17 housing; the implementation of community policing innovations;
18 and the clearance and redevelopment of slum and blighted areas
19 or portions thereof.

20 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
21 163.356, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22 163.356 Creation of community redevelopment agency.--

23 (3)

24 (d) At any time after the creation of a community
25 redevelopment agency, the governing body of the county or
26 municipality may appropriate to the agency such amounts as the
27 governing body deems necessary for the administrative expenses
28 and overhead of the agency, including the development and
29 implementation of community policing innovations.

30 Section 5. Subsection (5) is added to section 163.358,
31 Florida Statutes, to read:

1 163.358 Exercise of powers in carrying out community
2 redevelopment and related activities.--The community
3 redevelopment powers assigned to a community redevelopment
4 agency created under s. 163.356 include all the powers
5 necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the
6 purposes and provisions of this part, except the following,
7 which continue to vest in the governing body of the county or
8 municipality:

9 (5) The power to approve the development of community
10 policing innovations.

11 Section 6. Subsections (3) through (9) of section
12 163.360, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4)
13 through (10), respectively, a new subsection (3) is added to
14 that section, and subsection (4), paragraph (c) of subsection
15 (6), and paragraph (b) of subsection (7) are amended, to read:

16 163.360 Community redevelopment plans.--

17 (3) The community redevelopment plan may provide for
18 the development and implementation of community policing
19 innovations.

20 ~~(5)(4)~~ The community redevelopment agency shall submit
21 any community redevelopment plan it recommends for approval,
22 together with its written recommendations, to the governing
23 body and to each taxing authority that levies ad valorem taxes
24 on taxable real property contained within the geographic
25 boundaries of the redevelopment area. The governing body
26 shall then proceed with the hearing on the proposed community
27 redevelopment plan as prescribed by subsection ~~(6)(5)~~.

28 ~~(7)(6)~~ Following such hearing, the governing body may
29 approve the community redevelopment and the plan therefor if
30 it finds that:

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1 (c) The community redevelopment plan gives due
2 consideration to the utilization of community policing
3 innovations, and to the provision of adequate park and
4 recreational areas and facilities that may be desirable for
5 neighborhood improvement, with special consideration for the
6 health, safety, and welfare of children residing in the
7 general vicinity of the site covered by the plans; and

8 (8)~~(7)~~ If the community redevelopment area consists of
9 an area of open land to be acquired by the county or the
10 municipality, such area may not be so acquired unless:

11 (b) In the event the area is to be developed in whole
12 or in part for nonresidential uses, the governing body
13 determines that:

14 1. Such nonresidential uses are necessary and
15 appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of
16 the community in accordance with sound planning standards and
17 local community objectives.—and

18 2. Acquisition may require the exercise of
19 governmental action, as provided in this part, because of:

20 a. Defective, or unusual conditions of, title or
21 diversity of ownership which prevents the free alienability of
22 such land;

23 b. Tax delinquency;

24 c. Improper subdivisions;

25 d. Outmoded street patterns;

26 e. Deterioration of site;

27 f. Economic disuse;

28 g. Unsuitable topography or faulty lot layouts;

29 h. Lack of correlation of the area with other areas of
30 a county or municipality by streets and modern traffic
31 requirements; or

1 i. Any combination of such factors or other conditions
2 which retard development of the area.

3 3. Conditions of blight in the area contribute to an
4 increase in and spread of disease and crime or constitute a
5 menace to public health, safety, morals, or welfare.

6 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 163.361, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 163.361 Modification of community redevelopment
9 plans.--

10 (1) If at any time after the approval of a community
11 redevelopment plan by the governing body it becomes necessary
12 or desirable to amend or modify such plan, the governing body
13 may amend such plan upon the recommendation of the agency. The
14 agency recommendation to amend or modify a redevelopment plan
15 may include a change in the boundaries of the redevelopment
16 area to add land to or exclude land from the redevelopment
17 area, or may include the development and implementation of
18 community policing innovations.

19 Section 8. Paragraph (p) is added to subsection (1) of
20 section 163.370, Florida Statutes, and paragraph (a) of
21 subsection (2) of that section is amended, to read:

22 163.370 Powers; counties and municipalities; community
23 redevelopment agencies.--

24 (1) Every county and municipality shall have all the
25 powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the
26 purposes and provisions of this part, including the following
27 powers in addition to others herein granted:

28 (p) To develop and implement community policing
29 innovations.

30 (2) The following projects may not be paid for or
31 financed by increment revenues:

1 (a) Construction or expansion of administrative
2 buildings for public bodies or police and fire buildings,
3 unless each taxing authority agrees to such method of
4 financing for the construction or expansion, or unless the
5 construction or expansion is contemplated as part of a
6 community policing innovation.

7 Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 163.380, Florida
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 163.380 Disposal of property in community
10 redevelopment area.--

11 (3)(a) Prior to disposition of any real property or
12 interest therein in a community redevelopment area, any
13 county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency shall
14 give public notice of such disposition by publication in a
15 newspaper having a general circulation in the community, at
16 least 30 days prior to the execution of any contract to sell,
17 lease, or otherwise transfer real property and, prior to the
18 delivery of any instrument of conveyance with respect thereto
19 under the provisions of this section, invite proposals from,
20 and make all pertinent information available to, private
21 redevelopers or any persons interested in undertaking to
22 redevelop or rehabilitate a community redevelopment area or
23 any part thereof. Such notice shall identify the area or
24 portion thereof and shall state that proposals must be made by
25 those interested within 30 days after the date of publication
26 of the notice and that such further information as is
27 available may be obtained at such office as is designated in
28 the notice. The county, municipality, or community
29 redevelopment agency shall consider all such redevelopment or
30 rehabilitation proposals and the financial and legal ability
31 of the persons making such proposals to carry them out; and

1 the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency
2 may negotiate with any persons for proposals for the purchase,
3 lease, or other transfer of any real property acquired by it
4 in the community redevelopment area. The county,
5 municipality, or community redevelopment agency may accept
6 such proposal as it deems to be in the public interest and in
7 furtherance of the purposes of this part. Except in the case
8 of a governing body acting as the agency, as provided in s.
9 163.357, a notification of intention to accept such proposal
10 must be filed with the governing body not less than 30 days
11 prior to any such acceptance. Thereafter, the county,
12 municipality, or community redevelopment agency may execute
13 such contract in accordance with the provisions of subsection
14 (1) and deliver deeds, leases, and other instruments and take
15 all steps necessary to effectuate such contract.

16 (b) Any county, municipality, or community
17 redevelopment agency that, pursuant to the provisions of this
18 section, has disposed of a real property project with a land
19 area in excess of twenty acres may acquire an expanded area
20 that is immediately adjacent to the original project and less
21 than 35 percent of the land area of the original project, by
22 purchase or eminent domain as provided in this chapter, and
23 negotiate a disposition of such expanded area directly with
24 the person who acquired the original project without complying
25 with the disposition procedures established in paragraph (a),
26 provided the county, municipality, or community redevelopment
27 agency adopts a resolution making the following findings:

28 1. It is in the public interest to expand such real
29 property project to an immediately adjacent area;

30 2. The expanded area is less than 35 percent of the
31 land area of the original project;

1 3. The expanded area is entirely within the boundary
2 of the community redevelopment area.

3 Section 10. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (6)
4 of section 163.387, Florida Statutes, to read:

5 163.387 Redevelopment trust fund.--

6 (6) Moneys in the redevelopment trust fund may be
7 expended from time to time for the following purposes, when
8 directly related to financing or refinancing of redevelopment
9 in a community redevelopment area pursuant to an approved
10 community redevelopment plan:

11 (h) The development of community policing innovations.

12 Section 11. Subsection (4) of section 163.502, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 163.502 Safe neighborhoods; legislative findings and
15 purpose.--

16 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature to assist
17 local governments in implementing plans that employ crime
18 prevention through community policing innovations,
19 environmental design, environmental security, and defensible
20 space techniques to establish safe neighborhoods. The
21 Legislature, therefore, declares that the development,
22 redevelopment, preservation, and revitalization of
23 neighborhoods in this state, and all the purposes of this
24 part, are public purposes for which public money may be
25 borrowed, expended, loaned, and granted.

26 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 163.503, Florida
27 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (9) is added to that
28 section, to read:

29 163.503 Safe neighborhoods; definitions.--

30 (1) "Safe neighborhood improvement district,"
31 "district," or "neighborhood improvement district" means a

1 district located in an area in which more than 75 percent of
2 the land is used for residential purposes, or in an area in
3 which more than 75 percent of the land is used for commercial,
4 office, business, or industrial purposes, excluding the land
5 area used for public facilities, and where there is a plan to
6 reduce crime through the implementation of crime prevention
7 through environmental design, environmental security, or
8 defensible space techniques, or through community policing
9 innovations. Nothing in this section shall preclude the
10 inclusion of public land in a neighborhood improvement
11 district although the amount of land used for public
12 facilities is excluded from the land use acreage calculations.

13 (9) "Community policing innovation" means techniques
14 or strategies as defined by s. 163.340.

15 Section 13. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
16 163.506, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 163.506 Local government neighborhood improvement
18 districts; creation; advisory council; dissolution.--

19 (1) After a local planning ordinance has been adopted
20 authorizing the creation of local government neighborhood
21 improvement districts, the local governing body of a
22 municipality or county may create local government
23 neighborhood improvement districts by the enactment of a
24 separate ordinance for each district, which ordinance:

25 (d) Authorizes the use of special assessments to
26 support planning and implementation of district improvements
27 pursuant to the provisions of s. 163.514(16), including
28 community policing innovations.

29 Section 14. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
30 163.511, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (j) is
31 added to that subsection, to read:

1 163.511 Special neighborhood improvement districts;
2 creation; referendum; board of directors; duration;
3 extension.--

4 (1) After a local planning ordinance has been adopted
5 authorizing the creation of special neighborhood improvement
6 districts, the governing body of a municipality or county may
7 declare the need for and create special residential or
8 business neighborhood improvement districts by the enactment
9 of a separate ordinance for each district, which ordinance:

10 (c) Authorizes the use of special assessments to
11 support planning and implementation of district improvements
12 pursuant to the provisions of s. 163.514(16), including
13 community policing innovations.

14 (j) May authorize a special neighborhood improvement
15 district to develop and implement community policing
16 innovations in consultation with the local law enforcement
17 agency having jurisdiction within the district boundaries.

18 Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
19 163.512, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20 163.512 Community redevelopment neighborhood
21 improvement districts; creation; advisory council;
22 dissolution.--

23 (1) Upon the recommendation of the community
24 redevelopment agency and after a local planning ordinance has
25 been adopted authorizing the creation of community
26 redevelopment neighborhood improvement districts, the local
27 governing body of a municipality or county may create
28 community redevelopment neighborhood improvement districts by
29 the enactment of a separate ordinance for each district, which
30 ordinance:
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1 (c) Authorizes the use of the community redevelopment
2 trust fund created pursuant to s. 163.387 for the purposes of
3 implementing the safe neighborhood improvement plan and
4 furthering crime prevention through community policing
5 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, and
6 defensible space techniques, if expenditures from the
7 community redevelopment trust fund are consistent with the
8 community redevelopment plan created pursuant to s. 163.360.

9 Section 16. Section 163.513, Florida Statutes, is
10 amended to read:

11 163.513 Crime prevention through community policing
12 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, and
13 defensible space functions of neighborhood improvement
14 districts.--All boards of local governments, property owners'
15 associations, special neighborhood improvement districts, and
16 community redevelopment neighborhood improvement districts
17 created pursuant to this part shall:

18 (1) Collect data on the types, frequency, severity,
19 and location of criminal activity occurring in the district,
20 including determination, from surveys and other research
21 techniques, of the level of crime as perceived by neighborhood
22 residents and comparison of the types of crime in the district
23 on a per capita, citywide, and countywide basis.

24 (2) Provide an analysis of crimes related to land use
25 and environmental and physical conditions of the district,
26 giving particular attention to factors which support or create
27 opportunities for crime, which impede natural surveillance,
28 which encourage free circulation through the district, or
29 which hinder the defense of social territories perceived by
30 residents as under control. Any factor used to define or
31 describe the conditions of the physical environment can serve

1 as the basis of a crime-to-environment relationship. These
2 factors include streets, alleys, sidewalks, residential
3 blocks, position of dwellings on a block, single vs.
4 multifamily dwellings, abandoned houses, parking areas and
5 parking lots, informal pathways, functional areas of the
6 environment, traffic flow patterns, and the existence of
7 barriers such as fences, walls, gullies, and thick vegetation.

8 (3) Determine, from surveys and other data collection
9 techniques, areas within the district where modification or
10 closing of, or restriction of access to, certain streets in a
11 manner consistent with crime prevention through community
12 policing innovations, environmental design, environmental
13 security, and defensible space principles would assist crime
14 prevention and enhance neighborhood security for property
15 owners and residents.

16 (4) Formulate and maintain on a current basis for each
17 district short-range and long-range projects and plans which
18 the crime-to-environment analysis, including surveys and
19 citizen participation, has determined are applicable and
20 utilize crime prevention through community policing
21 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, and
22 defensible space strategies and tactics which will improve the
23 attractiveness and security of the district by reducing
24 criminal activity, will stabilize neighborhoods and enhance
25 property values within the district, will promote proper use
26 and informal control of residential streets within the
27 district, will improve public facilities and amenities and
28 provide for territorial control of streets and areas within
29 the district by legitimate users, and will increase the
30 probability that persons who commit crimes in the district
31 will be apprehended.

1 (5) Prepare and initiate actions deemed most suitable
2 for implementing safe neighborhood improvement plans,
3 including modifications to existing street patterns and
4 removal, razing, renovation, reconstruction, remodeling,
5 relocation, and improvement of existing structures and
6 facilities, and addition of new structures and facilities, and
7 coordination with other agencies providing relevant
8 informational, educational, and crime prevention services.
9 The preparation of actions for implementation shall utilize
10 crime prevention through community policing innovations,
11 environmental design, environmental security, and defensible
12 space strategies and tactics.

13 (6) Participate in the implementation and execution of
14 safe neighborhood improvement plans, including any
15 establishment, acquisition, construction, ownership,
16 financing, leasing, licensing, operation, and management of
17 publicly owned or leased facilities deemed beneficial in
18 effecting such implementation for the public purposes
19 stipulated in s. 163.502. However, this subsection shall not
20 give the board, association, or district any power or control
21 over any city or county property unless and until assigned to
22 it by the city or county governing body. This subsection
23 shall not be construed to give neighborhood improvement
24 districts the power to restrict access to or prohibit the use
25 of public facilities for lawful purposes.

26 (7) Ensure that all capital improvements within the
27 district are consistent with the capital improvement elements
28 of the applicable local government comprehensive plans.

29 Section 17. Subsections (7) and (12) of section
30 163.514, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1 163.514 Powers of neighborhood improvement
2 districts.--Unless prohibited by ordinance, the board of any
3 district shall be empowered to:

4 (7) Contract for services of planning consultants,
5 experts on crime prevention through community policing
6 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, or
7 defensible space, or other experts in areas pertaining to the
8 operations of the board of directors or the district.

9 (12) Undertake innovative approaches to securing
10 neighborhoods from crime, such as crime prevention through
11 community policing innovations, environmental design,
12 environmental security, and defensible space.

13 Section 18. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section
14 163.516, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 163.516 Safe neighborhood improvement plans.--

16 (1) A safe neighborhood improvement plan is mandated
17 for all neighborhood improvement districts. The plan shall
18 contain at least the following elements:

19 (f) Assessment of crime prevention through community
20 policing innovations, environmental design, environmental
21 security, and defensible space strategies and tactics that
22 will be applied to the crime-to-environment relationship
23 problems.

24 Section 19. Subsections (8) and (9) and paragraphs (a)
25 and (b) of subsection (11) of section 163.519, Florida
26 Statutes, are amended to read:

27 163.519 Duties of Department of Legal Affairs.--The
28 Department of Legal Affairs shall:

29 (8) Act as the repository of crime prevention through
30 community policing innovations; environmental design
31 strategies, principles, and tactics; environmental security

1 plans and procedures; defensible space techniques; and safe
2 neighborhood improvement plans.

3 (9) Utilize staff to provide crime prevention through
4 community policing innovations, environmental design,
5 environmental security, and defensible space training.

6 (11) Review and approve or disapprove safe
7 neighborhood improvement plans prior to the adoption by the
8 local governing body of any safe neighborhood improvement plan
9 created pursuant to s. 163.516. Plans shall be submitted to
10 the department for review and approval or disapproval. All
11 such reviews shall:

12 (a) Ensure that appropriate plan elements are based on
13 crime prevention through community policing innovations,
14 environmental design, environmental security, or defensible
15 space.

16 (b) Ensure that appropriate plan elements are
17 consistent with crime prevention through community policing
18 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, and
19 defensible space functions of neighborhood improvement
20 districts as listed in s. 163.513.

21 Section 20. Section 163.521, Florida Statutes, is
22 amended to read:

23 163.521 Neighborhood improvement district inside
24 enterprise zone; funding.--The local governing body of any
25 municipality or county in which the boundaries of an
26 enterprise zone include a neighborhood improvement district in
27 whole or in part, prior to October 1 of each year, may request
28 the Department of Legal Affairs to submit within its budget
29 request to the Legislature provisions to fund capital
30 improvements. A request may be made for 100 percent of the
31 capital improvement costs for 25 percent of the area of the

1 enterprise zone which overlaps the district. The local
2 governing body may also request a 100-percent matching grant
3 for capital improvement costs for the remaining 75 percent of
4 the area of the enterprise zone which overlaps the district.
5 Local governments must demonstrate the capacity to implement
6 the project within 2 years after the date of the
7 appropriation. Funds appropriated under this provision may
8 not be expended until after completion and approval of the
9 safe neighborhood improvement plan pursuant to ss. 163.516 and
10 163.519(11). Capital improvements contained within the
11 request submitted by the local governing body must be
12 specifically related to crime prevention through community
13 policing innovations, environmental design, environmental
14 security, and defensible space and must be reviewed by the
15 department for compliance with the principles of crime
16 prevention through community policing innovations,
17 environmental design, environmental security, and defensible
18 space. The department shall rank order all requests received
19 for capital improvements funding based on the necessity of the
20 improvements to the overall implementation of the safe
21 neighborhood plan; the degree to which the improvements help
22 the plan achieve crime prevention through community policing
23 innovations, environmental design, environmental security, and
24 defensible space objectives; the effect of the improvements on
25 residents of low or moderate income; and the fiscal inability
26 of local government to perform the improvements without state
27 assistance.

28 Section 21. Section 943.1729, Florida Statutes, is
29 created to read:

30 943.1729 Skills training relating to community
31 policing.--

1 (1) DEFINITION.--As used in this section, "community
2 policing" means a policing technique or strategy as defined in
3 s. 163.340.

4 (2) BASIC SKILLS COURSE.--The Criminal Justice
5 Standards and Training Commission may incorporate community
6 policing concepts into the course curriculum required in order
7 for law enforcement officers to obtain initial certification.

8 (3) CONTINUING TRAINING.--The commission may establish
9 a continued-employment training component related to community
10 policing techniques before January 1, 1998. Completion of the
11 training component shall count toward the 40 hours of required
12 instruction for continued employment or appointment as a law
13 enforcement officer.

14 Section 22. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15 law.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Includes the reduction or prevention of crime within community redevelopment activities under the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969. Defines "community policing innovation" and includes the development and implementation of such innovations as part of community redevelopment plans. Authorizes counties and municipalities to appropriate funds for community policing innovations, and authorizes use of moneys in redevelopment trust funds for community policing innovations. Provides an additional requirement for acquisition of land for nonresidential uses under the act. Authorizes a county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency to acquire or dispose of certain adjacent properties without complying with specified disposition procedures. Includes crime prevention through development and implementation of community policing innovations in powers of neighborhood improvement districts under the Safe Neighborhoods Act. Authorizes use of special assessments for community policing innovations.

Authorizes the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to include community policing concepts in the curriculum for certification of law enforcement officers and to establish a community policing continued-employment training component for such officers.