

HB 960 -- Internet Sexual Crimes

Sponsor: Cox

This bill allows multi-jurisdictional enforcement groups investigating Internet sexual crimes against children to receive grants from the Department of Public Safety. Those funds will be used to pay the salaries of detectives and computer forensic personnel; provide funding for the training of law enforcement personnel; and purchase necessary equipment, supplies, and services. Up to 3% of the funds appropriated to the department may be used to pay the administrative costs of the grant program.

Any member of a multi-jurisdictional Internet cyber crime law enforcement task force, who is also a peace officer, is authorized to make an arrest anywhere in the state if the arrest is within the scope of the investigation on which the task force is working and prior notification is given to the chief of police of the municipality or the sheriff of the county in which the arrest will take place, except for certain circumstances.

The bill contains an emergency clause.