

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Introduced By: Senators Conley, Seveney, DiPalma, Valverde, and Euer

Date Introduced: January 31, 2019

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-26-19.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-26 entitled "Public  
2 Safety Grant Administration Office" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-26-19.1. After school alternative program -- Purpose -- Duration.**

4 (a) There is hereby created within the Rhode Island justice commission, a pilot program  
5 known as the "after school alternative program" (ASAP). The establishment of the pilot program  
6 pursuant to this section shall be contingent upon the availability and receipt of federal and/or  
7 private funding for this purpose. The goal of the pilot program shall be to reduce gang activity  
8 and drug-related crime in and near the targeted schools, businesses, and community sites. This  
9 shall be accomplished by coordinating the efforts of community-based organizations, public  
10 schools, law enforcement officials, parents, and business leaders in participating communities to  
11 prevent the illicit activities of current and potential gang members and drug users by making  
12 alternative activities available. These activities may be provided at school or community sites,  
13 and may include:

14 (1) Recreational, arts, crafts, computer or academic tutorial programs.

15 (2) Job counseling and training, with the participation of community business  
16 representatives.

17 (3) Presentations by law enforcement officials, and informal get-togethers.

18 (4) Group and individual (as needed) drug and/or gang counseling.

1 (5) Community awareness presentations.

2 (b) A Rhode Island community may elect to participate in the pilot project established  
3 pursuant to subsection (a) by establishing an ASAP program. The community may be any  
4 designated area that contains up to two (2) public high schools and feeder schools, as well as  
5 active business enterprises and a viable local community-based organization.

6 (c) The community shall submit its program to the gang violence prevention advisory  
7 committee for review. The committee upon receipt of all programs from applying communities  
8 shall select one project to receive funding. The project selected shall receive funding for one  
9 calendar year from the date of selection. All rules and regulations for application, review and  
10 award shall be promulgated by the committee.

11 (d) This section shall remain operative only until ~~June 30, 2000~~ June 30, 2024 and is  
12 repealed on that date unless a later enacted statute extends that date.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would extend the sunset provision for the pilot program known as "after school
- 2 alternative program" until June 30, 2024.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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