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Representative Hannah Kane and Senator Michael Moore file legislation to cover overtime costs for municipal public safety officials

The legislation provides funding through a grant program to ensure overtime costs are met during the COVID-19 state of emergency

(Boston – 03/24/2020) Today, State Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury), alongside State Senator Michael Moore (D-Millbury), filed HD.4977 and SD.2886, *An Act providing emergency assistance for municipal public safety overtime*.

The legislation instructs the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to establish a grant program to provide funding for cities and towns so that they may cover the overtime costs of their public safety officials during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

The public safety officials who would be covered under this program are; municipal police officers, municipal law enforcement personnel with arrest powers, municipal personnel with authority to enforce public health regulations, members of the fire department, and emergency medical technicians.

Under this legislation, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security will develop guidelines governing the implementation of this grant program.

“It is vital that we do whatever we can to support our public safety officials, as they are on the front lines of this pandemic” said Senator Moore. “By ensuring that their overtime pay is received, they can operate uninterrupted and continue to protect the residents of the Commonwealth”

“Our public safety personnel are integral partners in the Commonwealth’s COVID-19 response and are essential to keeping all of us safe as we navigate this unprecedented pandemic. I am proud to have joined with Senator Moore in filing legislation that recognizes the critical role of public safety officials by providing municipalities funding to cover their overtime hours,” remarked Representative Kane.

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