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AN ACT relating to public safety; creating the Justice Assistance Grant Trust Account in the State General Fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing federal law establishes the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. (42 U.S.C. §§ 3750 et seq.) The grant program authorizes the Attorney General of the United States to make grants of money to states to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance and information systems for criminal justice. (42 U.S.C. § 3751) The grant program also requires each state to establish a trust fund in which to deposit money received by the state from the grant program. (42 U.S.C. § 3757) This bill, in compliance with federal law, establishes such a trust account for all money received by the State of Nevada from the Grant Program.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 480 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Justice Assistance Grant Trust Account is hereby created in the State General Fund. All money received by the State of Nevada pursuant to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3750 et seq., must be deposited in the Trust Account.

2. The Director shall administer the Trust Account.

3. The money in the Trust Account may only be expended in accordance with the provisions of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3750 et seq., and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

4. The interest and income earned on the money in the Trust Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Trust Account.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval and applies retroactively from October 5, 2005.

