

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-70

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Sheriff

Date of Introduction: January 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: January 25, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”) grant funds; designation of an oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$66,000 in NHTSA grant funds through the Florida Department of Transportation to the Occupant Protection Project FY24 to increase safety belt use. It designates the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office (“JSO”) as the oversight department for the project.

Background Information: The appropriated funds will be used to pay for expenses for overtime and benefits (Medicare tax) for law enforcement officers so that they can perform High-Visibility Enforcement (HVE) operations in high-frequency crash areas to incentivize driver compliance with safety belt laws. The grant period will last from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

Policy Impact Area: Public safety; law enforcement

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates a \$66,000 federal grant through the state of Florida with no City match.

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