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Arizona House committee OKs bill to fund predictive policing

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An Arizona House committee passed a bill Wednesday allotting more than \$1 million to implement a pilot program to predict where and when crime will happen. But several Arizona police departments already use similar technologies.

The bill by Sen. Steve Smith, R-Maricopa, approves the predictive policing software known as Predpol for a pilot program in Phoenix, Mesa, Maricopa and Sierra Vista. The money would come from the concealed-weapons permit fund.

The software analyzes historical crime data using algorithms to predict where crime is most likely, said Larry Samuels, chief executive officer of Predpol, who testified before the Appropriations Committee.

But Maricopa County, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, Gilbert, Chandler and other municipalities are already using BAIR crime-analysis technologies, said Sean Bair, chief executive officer of BAIR Analytics. Arizona police departments have been using BAIR technologies since 1995, he said. In the past last few years, BAIR has updated its software to include geographic profiling, the mapping of hotspots and other predictive policing functions using 160 unique data points, he said.

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