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Bill Topic: PILOT PROGRAM ASSIST PERSON EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill would have created a grant program to fund local organizations that assist persons experiencing homelessness. This would have increased state expenditures in FY 2018-19, and increased state agency workload through FY 2020-21.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2018-19, this bill would have required an appropriation of up to \$250,000 to the Department of Local Affairs.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 18-1292

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds), and Transfers.

## Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the State Access to Resources and Training (START) Grant Program in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to provide public safety, social services, and nonprofit agencies with funding to provide assistance personnel and to develop community-centered services to persons experiencing homelessness. Grants cannot be used for direct assistance to persons experiencing homelessness. DOLA must create rules, procedures and timelines for the grant application process. By March 15, 2019, DOLA must select and award grant funding, subject to available appropriations, to between 5 and 10 organizations of up to \$25,000 per recipient.

The bill allows Marijuana Tax Cash Fund moneys to be appropriated for the grant program. Grant recipients must report on the use of grant funds to DOLA by December 1, 2020, and DOLA must present the results of the grant program to its legislative oversight committee of reference at the start of the 2021 session. The START Grant Program is repealed on June 30, 2021.

## State Expenditures

This bill increases costs in DOLA by up to \$250,000 in FY 2018-19. Workload will also increase in DOLA in FY 2018-19 through FY 2020-21. These impacts are discussed below.

**START grants.** The exact appropriation and funding source for grants must be determined by the General Assembly. At this time it is assumed that the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund will be used to fund the program; however, if sufficient funds are not available, the General Assembly may choose to appropriate General Fund instead. If the full amount of \$250,000 is appropriated, then 10 organizations will receive grants \$25,000 each. If less than the full amount is provided, DOLA will provide grants to fewer organizations and may reduce the size of any grants awarded.

**Grant administration.** DOLA will have an increase in workload to develop grant program procedures, select recipients, provide oversight, and report to the General Assembly on the results of the program. Given the small number of grants awarded, the fiscal note assumes that this work can be done within existing appropriations.

## Local Government

To the extent that local government entities apply for and receive grant funding from DOLA, revenue and workload will increase. In communities where non-governmental public safety, social services, and nonprofit agencies are awarded grants, local governments will have increased workload to interact with these agencies to provide services to persons experiencing homelessness.

## Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on May 2, 2018.

**State Appropriations**

For FY 2018-19, this bill requires an appropriation of up to \$250,000 to DOLA from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund, the General Fund, or a combination of these funds.

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