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HB 18-1413

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: CREATE SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

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

This bill creates the Enhance School Safety Incident Response Grant Program in the Division of Homeland Security in the Department of Public Safety. This bill increases state expenditures and school district workload between FY 2018-19 and FY 2020-21.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2018-19, this bill includes an appropriation of \$492,968 from the School Safety Resource Center Cash Fund to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 18-1413

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund/Cash Funds, Centrally Appropriated, Total, Total FTE), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

## Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Enhance School Safety Incident Response Grant Program in the Division of Homeland Security in the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Grant recipients are to use funding for school safety incident response:

- training programs, curricula, and seminars;
- best practices and protocols;
- research and development; and
- technology and infrastructure upgrades to provide training and education.

**Grant applicants.** Grant applications must be submitted on or before October 1 each year. Applicants must be:

- A nonprofit organization;
- have experience providing school safety incident response training;
- have experience working with law enforcement agencies and first responders; and
- have experience working with school districts, school personnel, and students on issues related to school safety.

Grants are to be awarded on or before December 1 and based on an applicant's ability to serve school districts and personnel, experience providing school incident response training, experience addressing the psychological and mental health trauma affecting victims and first responders following school safety incidents, and experience providing recommendations to support mental health recovery after school safety incidents.

**Reporting.** Grant recipients must submit a report to the DPS on or before December 1, 2019, and each December thereafter. The report must include documentation on the activities conducted, services or training provided, tools or protocols developed, and other information on the effectiveness of the grant.

**Grant funding.** This bill requires the General Assembly to annually appropriate money from the General Fund or the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund for the grant program. However, funding for FY 2018-19 is provided from an appropriation from the School Safety Resource Center Cash Fund. The program is repealed June 30, 2021.

## State Expenditures

Between FY 2018-19 and FY 2020-21, this bill increases DPS expenditures by \$500,000 per year. These impacts are shown in Table 2 and discussed below.

**Table 2  
 Expenditures Under HB 18-1413**

	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
<b>Department of Public Safety</b>		
Personal Services	\$20,377	\$20,377
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay Costs	\$4,703	-
Enhance School Safety Incidence Response Grant	\$467,888	\$473,071
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$7,032	\$6,552
FTE – Personal Services	0.3 FTE	0.3 FTE
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.3 FTE</b>	<b>0.3 FTE</b>

\* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Personal Services.** Between FY 2018-19 and FY 2020-21, the DPS requires 0.3 FTE for a grants coordinator. This position will develop grant guidelines, support and assist applicants with grant applications, review submitted applications, award grants, provide grant recipient monitoring to ensure compliance, and prepare grant reports.

**Grant Program.** For FY 2018-19, DPS expenditures increase \$467,888 to provide grant funding to qualifying nonprofit organizations. Between FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21, \$473,071 in grant funding is expected to be available. The number of grant recipients is unknown, but is expected to be less than 20.

**Centrally appropriated costs.** Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$7,032 in FY 2018-19 and \$6,552 in FY 2019-20.

**Local Government Impact**

Between FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 this bill increases workload for school districts to assist grant recipients by providing information related to school incident safety and best practices. Workload also increases to attend any training programs created by grant recipients. This impact has not been estimated, but is expected to be minimal.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## State Appropriations

For FY 208-19, this bill includes an appropriation of \$492,968 and an allocation of 0.3 FTE from the School Safety Resource Center Cash Fund to the Department of Public Safety.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Education	Higher Education
Information Technology	Municipalities	Public Safety
School Districts		