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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:

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Bill Topic:

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH SAFER STREETS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates a grant program in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to assist local governments in evaluating and designing safer streets and neighborhood models that discourage crime. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2022-23 only.

Appropriation Summary:

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$10,300,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-001

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$10,300,000	
	Centrally Appropriated	\$63,639	
	Total Expenditures	\$10,363,639	
	Total FTE	2.0 FTE	
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$1,545,000	

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Grant Program in the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The grant program is intended to assist the DPS and local governments to evaluate and design safer streets and neighborhood models that discourage crime.

The DPS must issue a request for proposals (RFP) to local governments for the department to obtain an analysis identifying areas in the state where crime is most prevalent. Once these areas are identified, local governments may submit an application to DPS for a grant to pay for improvements designed to create safer streets. DPS must develop policies and procedures for applications to and disbursements from the grant program. Before August 31, 2023, local government grantees must report grant activity to the DPS, who must summarize grant activity and report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2023.

The bill creates the Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Advisory Committee, with members appointed by the executive director of DPS. At a minimum, committee membership must include representatives from law enforcement, experts in situational crime prevention, members of community organizations, individuals with expertise in urban or transportation planning, and an architect with experience in environmental design. Members serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses. The advisory committee makes recommendations to DPS for grantees and grant awards. The General Assembly is required to appropriate \$10.3 million from the General Fund for the grant program. The bill is repealed November 1, 2023.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in by \$10.3 million in FY 2022-23 from the General Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 22-001

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Department of Public Safety		
Personal Services	\$132,802	-
Operating Expenses	\$2,700	-
Capital Outlay Costs	\$12,400	-
Consulting Services	\$130,000	-
Safer Streets Grants	\$10,022,098	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹	\$63,639	-
Total Cost	\$10,363,639	-
Total FTE	2.0 FTE	-

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Personal services. The DPS will have a one-time staffing increase in FY 2022-23 for a grant specialist to process payment requests and verify allowable expenses through the grant agreement and approved budget. This position will also assist with the review of applications, budget proposals, and the execution of grant agreements. A financial grant specialist is needed to provide ongoing financial technical assistance to grantees, and to conduct onsite visits for grant compliance.

Consulting services. The DPS will contract for two consultants; one to provide technical assistance to the department and local governments to assist with the identification and conceptual design phase of potential projects and improvements to create safer streets; and one to assist with the development and review of the RFP.

Safer streets grants. After administrative expenses, about \$10.02 million remains available for awarding grants in FY 2022-23.

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, supplemental employee retirement payments, and an indirect cost assessment, are shown in Table 2.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve beginning in FY 2022-23. The bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by \$1,545,000 in FY 2022-23, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Local Government

Local governments that receive grants will have an increase in both revenue and expenditures.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$10,300,000 to the Department of Public Safety, and 2.0 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

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