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Bill Topic: SUNSET CONTINUE UNDERFUNDED COURTHOUSE COMMISSION

Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue [ ] State Transfer [x] Local Government [x]
State Expenditure [x] TABOR Refund [ ] Statutory Public Entity [ ]

Sunset bill. This bill continues the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Cash Fund Commission in the Judicial Department, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2024. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only the continuation of the program's current expenditures. The program is continued through September 1, 2035.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1275^1

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2024-25, and Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include New Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures), Continuing Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts.

1 Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill, and the continuing impacts from extending the program beyond its current repeal date. Because the bill continues a program without making any changes, there are no new impacts. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.
2 This transfer is made via an appropriation from the General Fund.

## Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Cash Fund Commission in the Judicial Department, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2024, for 11 years until September 1, 2035.

## Background

The Underfunded Courthouse Facility Cash Fund Commission awards grants to eligible counties for capital projects related to courthouses. Funding comes from annual General Fund appropriations to the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Cash Fund at the discretion of the General Assembly.

## Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the FY 2023-24 Long Bill, the Judicial Department is expected to have expenditures of \$3,425,000 to administer the grant program. Funding for the program is appropriated from the General Fund to the cash fund for use by the commission. If this bill is enacted, current expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2025-26. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2025, following a wind-down period, and state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2025-26 by the amounts shown in Table 1, above.

## Local Government

Revenue and expenditures will increase for any county that applies for and receives a grant from the commission.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Judicial

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).