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Bill Topic: **SCHOOL SECURITY DISBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill expands the school security disbursement program to allow grants to community based organizations in addition to local education providers. The bill requires that the General Assembly make annual appropriations to the program.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the interim bill requested by the School Safety Committee.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) administers the school security disbursement program to provide funding to local education providers to improve security within public schools. This bill expands the program to:

- authorize disbursements to community-based organizations that provide supplemental educational or developmental services to students;
- require that the General Assembly make annual appropriations to the program; and
- allow the DPS to prioritize applications from rural education providers and community organizations.

Background

The School Security Disbursement program was created by Senate Bill 18-269 to provide funding to improve security in public school facilities and vehicles and to support training for school personnel. The program was appropriated \$30.0 million in FY 2019-20. The DPS has not yet submitted the annual budget request for funding the School Safety Resource Center and related programs for FY 2020-21. Appropriation amounts are subject to the discretion of the General Assembly and can be included in the annual appropriations act (the Long Bill) or in other special legislation.

State Expenditures

The bill does not change the amount of funding provided to the program. The bill permits expenditures from the disbursement program for additional grant recipients to include community-based organizations and requires that the DPS prioritize rural applicants. Funding for the program within DPS has not been established for FY 2020-21.

Effective Date

The bill draft does not include an effective date. This fiscal note assumes that the bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Safety