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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS EXTENDED USES**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill revises and extends grant programs in the Department of Public Safety, and extends the authority to spend any remaining funds from appropriations made in the current FY 2022-23. It increases state expenditures beginning in FY 2024-25.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill and is preliminary. More data must be collected to estimate new expenditures beginning FY 2024-25. This fiscal note will be revised when additional information is available.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-277

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	-	up to \$12.65 million
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve		up to \$1.9 million

Summary of Legislation

The bill modifies four grant programs in the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

The **Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Grant Program** received a one-time appropriation of \$10.3 million in FY 2022-23. This bill permits the DPS to spend money remaining from that appropriation beginning FY 2023-24. The department must use the remaining funds for the same purposes as the original appropriation. Under current law, the grant program repeals November 1, 2023. This bill extends the program until July 1, 2027.

Under current law, the **Law Enforcement Workforce Recruitment, Retention, and Tuition Grant Program** and the **State's Mission for Assistance in Recruiting and Training Policing (SMART) Grant Program** both repeal January 1, 2025. This bill extends the grant programs until July 1, 2027. The bill also expands the permissible uses of grant funds, updates reporting requirements, and authorizes DPS to provide technical support to assist in grant applications.

The **Behavioral Information and Data-Sharing Program** received a one-time appropriation of \$3.5 million in FY 2022-23. This bill permits the department to spend money remaining from that appropriation in FY 2023-24. Any money that is not expended or obligated by December 30, 2024, reverts to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Cash Fund.

State Expenditures

The bill extends spending authority for appropriations made to the DPS for the current FY 2022-23. No estimate has been provided of the amounts remaining from the \$13.8 million appropriations or an estimate of the amount to be spent in the next two fiscal years. This fiscal note will be updated when more information is collected from the DPS.

Beginning FY 2024-25, the bill increases state expenditures by extending the repeal of three grant programs. The Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Grant Program may continue spending the original \$10.3 million without additional appropriations; under current law, the other grant programs are required to receive \$3.8 million in the current FY 2022-23, and in FY 2023-24. Depending on the timing of expenditures and fund balances, the DPS must make a budget request for funding these programs as new expenditures beginning sometime in FY 2024-25. Assuming the General Assembly funds the Safer Streets Grant Fund at \$5.15 million (one half the original \$10.3 million appropriation), and continues funding the other programs at \$3.75 million annually, total new expenditures beginning FY 2024-25 are about \$12.7 million. Because the department has not provided any detail on remaining fund balance or estimated future expenditures, this fiscal note will be revised when additional data is provided.

Other Budget Impacts

This bill will have a General Fund reserve requirement beginning FY 2024-25; however, no estimate is available as of this writing.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Safety