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HB16-1412

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Sen. Grantham

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BILL TOPIC: FUND ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue	See State Revenue Section.	
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
General Fund	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
Cash Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000
Appropriation Required: \$100,000 — Department of Personnel and Administration (FY 2016-17).		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing change in use of Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill allocates \$100,000 a year from the Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Fund to the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) to offset the cost of operating the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP).

Background

Address Confidentiality Program. The program serves victims of stalking, domestic violence, or sexual offenses and provides two services intended to protect the confidentiality of a victim's address, including: (1) establishing a substitute address for purposes of interacting with state and local government agencies; and (2) a confidential mail forwarding service. The program is administered by the Division of Central Services within the DPA and enrolls about 52 new participants a month. The program is funded from 95 percent of a \$28 surcharge levied against offenders convicted of stalking or offenses for which the underlying basis is domestic violence. When sufficient funds are not available from this source to operate the program, additional program costs are paid from the General Fund.

Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund. The VALE fund is administered by the Division of Criminal Justice within the Department of Public Safety. Revenue to the fund accrues from local judicial district surcharges on fines imposed for felonies, misdemeanors, juvenile offenses, and certain traffic infractions. The VALE fund pays the costs of administering state and federal victim services programs and for specific distributions to other state agencies for victim services programs.

State Revenue

The bill does not change the amount of revenue collected and deposited to the VALE fund. However, to the extent that the \$100,000 allocated to the ACP fund under HB 16-1412 would have been spent on another program, moneys available for that program will be reduced beginning in FY 2016-17.

State Expenditures

This fiscal note assumes that for FY 2016-17 and beyond the bill reduces the amount of General Fund required to fully fund the ACP and replaces it with an allocation of \$100,000 VALE fund per year. The bill changes the allocation of moneys in the VALE fund and expands the use of the fund, but it does not change the amount that can be expended from the fund. This fiscal note assumes that the funds allocated to the ACP would have otherwise been allocated to a program or programs funded through a discretionary grant program managed by the Division of Criminal Justice within the Department of Public Safety.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2016-17, the Division of Central Services within the Department of Personnel and Administration requires an allocation of \$100,000 from the VALE fund and a reduction of \$100,000 General Fund.

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