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HB17-1215

FISCAL NOTE

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Coleman **Bill Status:** House Judiciary
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BILL TOPIC: MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR PEACE OFFICERS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue Cash Funds	Potential gifts, grants, and donations.	
State Expenditures Cash Funds	Workload and potential expenditure increases.	
FTE Position Change	Potential increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing potential increase in revenue and expenditures.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill encourages each sheriff and municipal police department to adopt a policy under which mental health professionals, to the extent practicable, provide on-scene response services and counseling services to peace officers.

The bill creates the Peace Officers Mental Health Support Grant Program in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to support these local government efforts. Grants are to be funded with available gifts, grants, and donations and any other moneys that the General Assembly may appropriate or transfer to the fund, which are credited to the newly created Peace Officers Mental Health Support Fund. A local government may use grant funding to hire mental health professionals. DOLA may expend up to 5 percent of receipts to the cash fund on program administration and is required to report on the program as part of its annual SMART Act hearing to the General Assembly. The grant program repeals on September 1, 2027.

State Revenue

Beginning in FY 2017-18, state cash fund revenue may increase if gifts, grants, and donations are received. As of this writing, no source of funding has been identified, but any receipts will be TABOR exempt.

State Expenditures

Workload increase. Beginning in FY 2017-18, the bill increases workload for DOLA to develop policies and procedures required to implement the grant program. DOLA will have continued workload once the grant program is in place to report progress to the General Assembly each year during its SMART Act hearing.

Grant program. Conditional upon the receipt of gifts, grants, and donations, or other funding appropriated by the General Assembly, costs will increase to administer the program and provide funding to eligible local governments. The bill limits administrative costs to 5 percent of total program funding. There are about 300 entities that may be eligible to apply for funding, but the fiscal note assumes that the amount of individual grants cannot be estimated until an appropriation is made for this purpose. If funding of \$500,000 were available, for example, DOLA would be allowed to expend \$25,000 on administration and \$475,000 would be made in grants. If a grant program is implemented, DOLA will require at least \$23,825 to modify the existing Grant Management System. These funds will be reappropriated to the Office of Information Technology. In future years, FTE may be required. In the above scenario, if 20 percent of eligible entities (about 60 agencies) applied for funding, the average grant amount would be about \$7,900. This analysis assumes the actual grant amounts will vary based on the number of applications received and the costs identified in specific grant applications. It is expected that DOLA will be required to seek appropriations through the annual budget process once a source of funding has been identified.

Local Government Impact

This bill may increase workload, revenue, and costs for local sheriff and municipal police departments that choose to adopt policies in accordance with HB17-1215 and choose to apply for and receive grant funding to hire mental health professionals. The amount of grant funding received by any individual local government will vary based on the amount of moneys received and appropriated by the General Assembly and the number of grant applications submitted.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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