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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Bridges; Gardner **Bill Status:** Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **AUTO THEFT PREVENTION CASH FUND**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill transfers \$5.0 million to the Auto Theft Prevention Cash Fund to provide funding for programs related to supporting victims of auto theft and supporting technology enhancements. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2023-24.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$5.0 million to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-257

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$5,000,000	-
	Total Expenditures	\$5,000,000	-
Transfers	General Fund	(\$5,000,000)	-
	Cash Funds	\$5,000,000	-
	Net Transfer	\$0	-
Other Budget Impacts		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill expands eligibility for auto theft prevention grants issued by the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Board to include victim support or technology enhancement programs.

The bill also allows the General Assembly to appropriate or transfer funding to the Auto Theft Prevention Cash Fund. Under current law, the fund is limited to gifts, grants, and donations, and fees.

On July 1, 2023, the bill requires a \$5 million transfer from the General Fund to the Auto Theft Prevention Cash Fund to implement a statewide education program on auto theft, to implement programs supporting victims of auto theft, provide additional overtime for law enforcement agencies, implement an auto theft prosecution program, enhance and upgrade auto theft tracking, or any direct or indirect costs associated with awarding these funds.

Background

As part of its 2023-24 budget request, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) requested \$7.9 million and 11 FTE, to be spent over two fiscal years, in auto theft prevention initiatives. This included:

- \$2.8 million and 4.0 FTE for grants to local law enforcement for increased overtime and operational resources;
- \$2.0 million and 5.0 FTE for automated license plate readers;
- \$1.5 million and 2.0 FTE for a statewide public education and outreach campaigns;
- \$1.5 million to pay for prosecutors to support district attorney offices that see high auto theft rates; and
- \$250,000 for consulting services for an information sharing platform for auto theft tracking.

This budget request was not approved, and is instead partially funded by this bill.

State Transfer

In FY 2023-24, the bill transfers \$5 million from the General Fund to the Auto Theft Prevention Cash Fund.

State Expenditures

In FY 2023-24, state expenditures in the DPS will increase by \$5 million to implement the programs and provide funding as outlined in the bill. As of this writing, no additional information on the planned spending of the \$5 million transferred under the bill has been provided by the DPS. Assuming the DPS spends this funding proportionally to their previous budget request, spending would occur as follows:

- \$1,750,000 for grants to local law enforcement for overtime;
- \$1,250,000 for automated license plate readers;

- \$950,000 for a public awareness campaign;
- \$950,000 to pay for prosecutors; and
- \$100,000 for an information sharing platform.

Actual funding decisions will be determined by the department.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 2, 2023.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the Auto Theft Prevention Cash Fund to the Department of Public Safety.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology

Public Safety