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Bill 1

FISCAL NOTE

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

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Prime Sponsor(s):

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Bill Status: County Courthouse and County Jail Funding and Overcrowding Solutions Interim Study Committee Bill Request

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BILL TOPIC: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COUNTY JAILS AND COURTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020
State Revenue		
<i>State Transfers</i>	\$0	\$0
General Fund	(\$30 million)	(\$30 million)
Cash Funds	\$30 million	\$30 million
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$30 million	\$30 million
Appropriation Required: \$30 million - Judicial Department (FY 2018-19).		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing state expenditure increase through FY 2022-23.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill, requested by the **County Courthouse and County Jail Funding and Overcrowding Solutions Interim Study Committee**, expands the responsibilities of the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Cash Fund Commission to include considering grants for jail construction or renovation in addition to grants for improvements to court facilities. It also renames the commission the Underfunded Court and Jail Facility Cash Fund Commission (commission). The bill makes changes to allowable grant funding under the program, including allowing grants to be issued for up to 50 percent of a county's annual voter-approved debt service and creating a low-interest loan program to finance court and jail facility capital construction. Finally, the bill sets a five-year annual transfer of \$30 million a year from the General Fund to the commission cash fund.

Background

The commission and associated cash fund were established in 2014. The commission is housed within the Office of the State Court Administrator in the Judicial Branch.

State Transfers

Beginning in FY 2018-19 and continuing through FY 2022-23, the bill authorizes a \$30 million annual transfer from the General Fund to the commission cash fund, to be used as follows:

- \$10 million for grants to pay up to 50 percent of a county's annual voter-approved debt service on any county-approved financing of the construction or remodeling cost of a court or jail facility;
- \$10 million for low-interest loans for construction or remodeling costs of any court facility; and
- \$10 million for low-interest loans for construction or remodeling costs of any jail facility.

The amount of General Fund available for other uses will decrease by \$30 million a year each year of the transfer period.

State Expenditures

The project increases expenditures from the commission cash fund by \$30 million a year, each year from FY 2018-19 through FY 2022-23. Workload also increases in the Judicial Department.

Judicial Department. The bill increases workload in the department because it is anticipated to increase the number of grant applications and because it creates a new loan program. The department will develop procedures and guidelines to administer the newly created loan program. However, the bill authorizes the department to contract with a bank to manage the loans. The workload increase can be addressed within existing resources and does not require an appropriation.

Local Government Impact

The bill is expected to increase funding for county courthouse and jail facility construction and remodeling projects. The increase will vary by county based on the grants and loans approved by the commission.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2018-19, the bill requires an appropriation of \$30 million General Fund to the Underfunded Court and Jail Facility Cash Fund.

State and Local Government Contacts

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