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(Delegate P. Young, *et al.*)

Public Safety - Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program - Establishment

This bill establishes the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program, administered by the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP), to provide grants to counties to defray costs associated with establishing and supporting interjurisdictional policing agreements. The executive director must (1) establish guidelines for counties to apply for and receive grants from the program and (2) make grants from the program. For each fiscal year, the Governor must include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$3.5 million to be used exclusively for grants from the program. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$41,200 in FY 2021; future years reflect annualization of ongoing administrative costs and the bill’s mandated appropriation. Revenues are not affected. **This bill establishes a mandated appropriation beginning in FY 2022.**

(in dollars)	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	41,200	3,570,000	3,571,700	3,574,100	3,576,700
Net Effect	(\$41,200)	(\$3,570,000)	(\$3,571,700)	(\$3,574,100)	(\$3,576,700)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: County grant revenues and expenditures increase in total by \$3.5 million annually beginning in FY 2022.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: In a single grant period, two or more counties may apply for a grant from the program to (1) establish an interjurisdictional policing agreement; (2) support future law enforcement activity in accordance with the agreement; or (3) be reimbursed for law enforcement activity undertaken in accordance with an agreement. A grant awarded pursuant to the bill (1) must be commensurate with the population and geographic size of the counties applying for the grant and the scope of the interjurisdictional policing agreement and (2) may be spread across multiple fiscal years if the agreement spans multiple years.

A county that receives a grant from the program must annually submit a report to the executive director on the use of grant funds, as specified. The executive director must then post the report to GOCCP's website.

Current Law/Background: There are no statutory provisions directly applicable to the bill. State, federal, and local law enforcement agencies work together under various types of interjurisdictional agreements and memorandums of understanding to leverage available resources and to accomplish common goals. Details relating to the source of resources and funding are generally agreed upon by participating agencies through the agreements and memorandums of understanding.

State Expenditures:

Administrative Expenses

General fund expenditures for GOCCP increase by \$41,172 in fiscal 2021, which accounts for a six-month start-up delay from the bill's July 1, 2020 effective date. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring one grants manager to assist with the establishment of procedures for and the administration of the grant program. It includes a salary, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, and ongoing operating expenses.

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Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$35,964
Operating Expenses	<u>5,208</u>
Total FY 2021 GOCCP Expenditures	\$41,172

Even though funding for grant awards is not available until fiscal 2022, this analysis assumes that GOCCP needs to hire the grants manager in January 2021 to establish application procedures and procedures for grant awards.

Future year administrative expenditures, which increase to \$76,705 by fiscal 2025, reflect a full salary with annual increases and employee turnover and ongoing operating expenses. Because the bill explicitly states that the mandated appropriation must be used exclusively for grants from the program, this analysis assumes that additional general funds beyond the mandated appropriation are needed to cover GOCCP's administrative costs in the out-years.

Mandated Funding for the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program

In addition to the administrative costs discussed above, beginning in fiscal 2022, general fund expenditures increase by \$3.5 million annually due to the bill's mandated appropriation for the grant program. It is assumed that the full amount of mandated funding is spent on grant awards to counties each year.

Local Fiscal Effect: County grant revenues and expenditures for interjurisdictional policing agreements increase in total by \$3.5 million annually beginning in fiscal 2022 as a result of the grant program established by the bill and the mandated funding for the program. The distribution of grant awards among counties cannot be predicted.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 1051 (Senator Klausmeier) - Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation.

Information Source(s): Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's counties; Maryland Association of Counties; Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; Department of Budget and Management; Department of Legislative Services

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