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House Bill 1401 (Delegate J. Lewis)
 Appropriations

Prince George’s County – National Center for Victims of Crime – Funding

This bill requires the Governor, for fiscal 2024 through 2026, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$750,000 to the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS) to be used solely as an operating grant to the National Center for Victims of Crime for the purpose of creating and enhancing services to victims of crime in Prince George’s County. The bill establishes the intent of the General Assembly regarding the use of the funds and establishes related requirements for GOCPYVS and the center. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022, and terminates June 30, 2027.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: No effect in FY 2023. General fund expenditures increase by \$750,000 annually for FY 2024 through 2026 due to the mandated appropriation. GOCPYVS can handle the bill’s requirements with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected. **This bill establishes a mandated appropriation from FY 2024 through 2026.**

(in dollars)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	750,000	750,000	750,000	0
Net Effect	\$0	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)	\$0

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

Local Effect: Prince George’s County benefits to the extent county programs and services receive funding from the center (up to \$750,000 annually between FY 2024 and 2026).

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: GOCPYVS must (1) establish a system of performance and outcome measurement to assess the effectiveness of the use of the funds provided to the center and (2) require the center, by September 1, 2024, and each September 1 thereafter, as a condition of receipt of the funds, to submit to GOCPYVS a report for the previous fiscal year on the uses of the provided funds. By December 15, 2026, GOCPYVS must submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the use of the funds by the center.

Current Law: GOCPYVS plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims. Chapter 422 of 2018 established the Victim Services Unit (VSU) in GOCPYVS to coordinate State responsibilities concerning services to victims, including the collection of restitution and reimbursements for sexual assault forensic evidence examinations (SAFE Exams) and other eligible expenses for cases involving rape, sexual offenses, or child sexual abuse. Oversight functions and operations relating to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund were transferred from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to GOCPYVS. In addition, the functions and operations relating to SAFE Exams were transferred from the Maryland Department of Health to VSU. The Governor's proposed fiscal 2023 budget includes \$11.0 million in funding for VSU (\$4.6 million in general funds, \$3.1 million in special funds, and \$3.3 million in federal funds).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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