



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 176

PRINTERS NO. 3088

PRIME SPONSOR: Grove

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 176, Printer's Number 3088, creates a freestanding act establishing the Law Enforcement Grant Program and the Law Enforcement and Treatment Grant program; providing grants to police departments; imposing powers and duties on the Center for Local Government Services (Center), the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), and Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD); and providing transfers from the State Gaming Fund.

ANALYSIS: This legislation creates the Law Enforcement Grant Program to provide grants to regional police departments to be used for (1) vehicle acquisition; (2) cameras, including cameras to be placed in vehicles; (3) speed timing devices; (4) uniforms; (5) police and emergency equipment; (6) training; (7) personnel costs; (8) community law enforcement efforts; (9) start-up costs; and (10) domestic violence threat assessment training. The Center shall notify law enforcement agencies of the availability of funds by July 15, 2016, and each July 15 thereafter. Applications must be submitted no later than November 30 of each year and the Center shall approve or disapprove an application within 60 days of being filed. Grants shall be awarded based upon the demonstrated need of the requesting agency based on the total number of law enforcement officers employed.

Additionally, the legislation creates the Law Enforcement and Treatment Grant Program to provide grants to municipal police departments, regional police departments, the Pennsylvania State Police and police departments defined under 53 P.A.C.S. § 2162 to be used to provide (1) personnel, training and equipment to coordinate efforts to provide effective mechanisms to refer and assist overdose victims and families to obtain the appropriate treatment; and (2) for training and equipment authorized under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. PCCD shall notify law enforcement agencies of the availability of funds by July 1 for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2015. Applications must be submitted no later than November 30 of each year and PCCD shall approve or disapprove an application within 60 days of being filed. Grants shall be awarded based upon demonstrated existing efforts of coordination for treatment. No law enforcement agency may receive more than 5% of the amount authorized in any fiscal year.

Funding for the grant programs shall come from unused Local Law Enforcement Grant monies. Beginning July 1, 2016, and each July 1 thereafter an amount equal to the amount of money not awarded shall be transferred from the State Gaming Fund to the Law Enforcement Grant Fund and equally divided among the two programs.

The act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. A total of \$2 million is made available annually for the Local Law Enforcement Grants from gaming revenues. Any unspent monies at the end of each fiscal year will be made available for the new grant programs.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.