



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 859

PRINTERS NO. 2766

PRIME SPONSOR: Barrar

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund; Nonprofit Security Grant Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 859, Printer's Number 2766, makes additional reporting requirements related to the integrated 911 emergency communications program and establishes the Nonprofit Security Grant Fund program.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to provide for additional reporting requirements related to integrated 911 emergency communications program. For example, in addition to reporting on the revenues and distributions from the fund for the prior fiscal year, the report shall include a listing of any 911 systems that have merged or consolidated during the previous year. This report shall be no later than December 1 of each year.

The bill also adds a new Chapter 56 that establishes the Nonprofit Security Grant Fund as special fund in the State Treasury with the grant program to be administered by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). Program funding would be eligible for security enhancements to nonprofits that are exempt organizations as defined by the Internal Revenue Service and would principally serve individuals, groups or institutions identified by the FBI within a bias motivation category for single bias hate crime incidents.

Under Section 5602, the Secretary of the Budget shall transfer \$5 million in prior year unexpended, unencumbered funds originally appropriated from the General Fund to any executive agency under the Governor's jurisdiction. The secretary may only make the transfer if the funds will not create a deficit from in any of the appropriations from which the funds are transferred and notify the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in writing of the transfers.

The bill also provides that the General Assembly may appropriate money for the Nonprofit Security Grant Fund beginning in FY2020-21. All unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in the fund shall lapse and be transferred back to the General Fund as of July 1, 2024.

The PCCD would begin accepting applications no later than March 1, 2020 for grant money available during the fiscal year. If money is available in the fund, the commission shall continue to accept application from no later than October 1, 2020 and each October 1 thereafter. Notice of the new grant application period shall be provided on the commission's publicly accessible internet website. Grant awards shall range from not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$150,000.

The commission shall review applications on a rolling basis in consultation with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and the Pennsylvania State Police. An eligible applicant may revise and resubmit a denied application to the commission.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment, while Nonprofit Security Grant Fund established under Chapter 56 would expire July 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT: As provided in the bill, the Nonprofit Security Grant Fund shall receive \$5 million in prior year unexpended, unencumbered funds from General Fund appropriations. The Budget Secretary may only transfer funds if it will not create a deficit in any of the appropriations from which the funds are transferred.

The General Assembly may appropriate money to the fund beginning in FY2020-21. A program sunset date of July 1, 2024 is established where all unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in the fund shall lapse and be transferred back to the General Fund. It is expected that PCCD administrative costs to manage and administer this grant program would be covered under the commission's existing operations.

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