

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 89

PRINTER'S NO. 744

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund
DARE Fund (Restricted Revenue)

DATE INTRODUCED

January 10, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Marsico

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to TRANSPORTATION, Jan. 10, 2013

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Re-referred to JUDICIARY, Feb. 6, 2013

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In the Senate

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Re-reported as committed, Oct. 1, 2013

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 89 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes further providing for DARE vehicle registration plates and for payments to special funds.

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Specifically, this legislation does the following:

- Repeals §1358 of Title 75, which currently authorizes the sale of drug abuse resistance education (DARE) vehicle registration plates for an additional fee of \$35, of which \$15 is utilized for DARE educational programs;
- Amends §1905(c)(1) by replacing current language with new language that terminates the DARE Fund, which is a restricted revenue account within the General Fund, at the end of the 2013-2014 fiscal year; and
- Amends §1905(c)(2) by replacing current language with new language that appropriates all money in the DARE Fund, on the effective date of this legislation, to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to be expended to provide grants to children's advocacy centers, as defined in 23 Pa.C.S. §6303(a), during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. All money in the DARE Fund on the date of termination will then be transferred to the General Fund.

PCCD grants for the DARE program were terminated after the 2009-2010 fiscal year due to questions on the effectiveness of the program.

This act shall take effect in 60 days after enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will result in no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds so long as the appropriation to PCCD for children's advocacy centers' grants is limited to the amount of money in the DARE Fund on the effective date of this legislation.

As of August 31, 2013, the available balance in the DARE Fund was \$410,408.14.