

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Seizures of money related to drug offenses		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, if money is forfeited in a drug case, the law enforcement agency that seized the money may retain 70 percent of any amount that does not exceed \$2,000 and 50 percent of any amount in excess of \$2,000. The remainder would be deposited in the school fund. Currently, all money seized in the commission of a drug crime is deposited in the school fund. Earnings from the common school fund are distributed to school districts in the form of school library aids.

State Fiscal Effect:

The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands reports revenues from controlled substance forfeitures was \$2,635 in FY03 and \$3,413 in FY02. If this bill had been in effect in those years, local law enforcement agencies could have retained \$1,899 in FY03 and \$2,389 in FY02. Revenue to the common school fund would have been reduced by corresponding amounts in those fiscal years. In addition, earnings from the common school fund would decrease slightly, reducing the amounts available to the department for distribution as school library aids.

Local Fiscal Effect:

As noted above, revenues retained by cities and counties could increase under the bill. School districts could see a reduction in school library aids.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Decreased state revenues and decreases in school library aid would be ongoing.