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LRB Number	13-0129/3	Introduction Number	AB-0074	Estimate Type	Original					
Description Increasing the crime victim and witness assistance surcharge, dedicating funds for crime prevention organizations, and creating local crime prevention funding boards										

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill (AB) 74 if enacted would increase the crime victim and witness assistance surcharge by \$20 for a misdemeanor and for a felony. The bill also creates a part D to the surcharge which is to be paid only after the person assessed the surcharge pays parts A, B, and C in full. Under the bill, the clerk of court forwards the amounts collected under part D to the county treasurer along with the other parts of the surcharge, but the treasurer retains those funds in a crime prevention fund.

The funds from the surcharge are to be distributed as grants at the direction of a crime prevention funding board (CPFB) which is to be created in every county which receives funds from the surcharge. The board consists of seven members as outlined in the bill. The board then may solicit grant applications from certain specified entities and may award grants to such entities.

There would be no fiscal effect on the department as the funds would be kept at the local level. The local effect is indeterminate as the amount of funds that would be received and available for grants would be based on the number of persons that actually paid the part D surcharge in that county.

It should be noted that sections 5 through 10 of this bill would need to be modified if Assembly Bill 40 (biennial budget) were to pass as currently written as s. 973.045 (1r) and 973.045 (3) would both be repealed and s. 973.045 (2) would be amended.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown.