

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-5351/1	Introduction Number	AB-0832	Estimate Type	Original
Description increasing the law enforcement training reimbursement					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Justice reimburses law enforcement agencies and law enforcement recruit training programs, as directed by the Law Enforcement Standards Board, for the costs associated with the mandatory training program for law enforcement recruits and provides annual payments of at least \$160 per law enforcement officer to law enforcement agencies for the costs of providing recertification training. This bill requires the department to administer two new grant programs funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Under the bill, the department is required to reimburse law enforcement agencies for annual recertification training in amounts equal and in addition to the amount of the recertification payments under current law. The department estimates the additional recertification payments will total \$2,134,880 annually based on a cost of \$160 per officer for 13,343 law enforcement officers. The additional workload to administer the federal grant funds can be absorbed within existing resources.

Under the bill, the department is also required to reimburse law enforcement recruits for allowable tuition, living and travel costs of preparatory law enforcement training for individuals who are not employed by a law enforcement agency and therefore not eligible for the costs to be paid on their behalf under current law. In state fiscal year 2020-21 (FY21), the department reimbursed training programs and agencies an average of \$5,720 per recruit for preparatory training expenses. Although it is not possible to estimate the number of individuals who may choose to enroll in law enforcement preparatory training prior to being employed by a law enforcement agency, it is reasonable to assume that the number will increase based on the availability of the reimbursement. In FY21, 322 pre-service recruits graduated from law enforcement preparatory training programs. The department estimates the reimbursable costs of 322 pre-service recruits would be \$1,841,840 annually, which increases to \$2,288,000 for 400 pre-service recruits and to \$2,860,000 for 500 pre-service recruits. The worksheet includes the estimated cost for 400 pre-service recruits to be reimbursed each year.

The department is required to establish a new application and payment process to reimburse individuals for law enforcement preparatory training, including the creation of secure online forms and a submission portal for applications and supporting documentation, review and approval of documentation, verification of training and employment records, issuance of payments, and ongoing reporting, recordkeeping and auditing of federal grant funds. The department estimates the additional ongoing workload will require 0.25 full-time equivalent (FTE) program and policy-analyst position, 0.25 FTE grants specialist-advanced position and \$100,000 in initial funding to create a secure online application process, which exceeds what can be absorbed within existing resources. Currently, the costs of positions assigned to administer grant programs in the department are charged back to the grants based on the work effort of the employees. The additional time required to administer this program could not be charged back to existing federal or state grant programs as the duties are not allowable activities on those state and federal grant programs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2021 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):	
The department estimates one-time costs of \$100,000 to create a secure online portal for the submission of law enforcement preparatory training reimbursement applications and supporting documentation from individuals.	
II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category	
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$46,400
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.5 FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	10,000
Local Assistance	2,134,900
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	2,288,000
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$4,479,300
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	
GPR	
FED	4,479,300
PRO/PRS	
SEG/SEG-S	
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	
	Increased Rev
	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$
GPR Earned	
FED	
PRO/PRS	
SEG/SEG-S	
TOTAL State Revenues	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT	
	State
	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$4,479,300
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$
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