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Program Administration Support (Justice -- Law Enforcement Services)

[LFB 2023-25 Budget Summary: Page 372, #7 (part)]

CURRENT LAW

To assist local units of governments, tribes, and organizations provide the public with law enforcement, rehabilitation, and victim and witness services, the state administers several state and federally funded criminal justice grant programs.

The responsibilities of administering criminal justice related grant programs are split between DOJ's Division of Management Services, Division of Law Enforcement Services, Division of Criminal Investigation, and Office of Crime Victim Services. The Division of Management Services is generally responsible for: (a) developing and monitoring the Department's budget and finances; (b) providing human resource services to the Department; and (c) providing information technology services to the Department.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Assembly Bill 43/Senate Bill 70 would provide \$64,300 GPR in 2023-24 and \$82,500 GPR with 1.0 GPR position annually for criminal investigations. This position was originally intended to be a criminal analyst associated with the Hate Crime Hotline (Page 374, #14 in the LFB Summary of the Governor's Budget Recommendations). However, since that item was removed from consideration, the Department now indicates that it would hire a grant specialist instead.

2. The Department indicates that the position authority needed to administer grants is not associated with the amount of the grant funding, but the complexity of the grant program. Generally, a formula-based grant with a pre-defined recipient list requires less resources to administer than a competitive grant requiring the establishment of application criteria, priorities and a rating scale and panel. Further, grants that are funding capital improvements or depreciable assets are generally more

workload-intensive to administer than those reimbursing for personnel costs or non-depreciable supplies.

3. The Department administers the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion grant program, the Drug Court grant program, the Child Advocacy Center grant program, the Law Enforcement Officer grant program, the Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Grants, County/Tribal Law Enforcement grant programs, Local Anti-Drug Task Force grants, Community-Oriented Policing Housing, Body Camera grants, and the Youth Diversion grant program. This list does not include any additional federal grants the Department administers.

4. The Department has 5.5 grant specialists (0.72 GPR, 1.3 PR, and 3.48 FED) for administering these grants and other federal grants.

5. In order to provide the Department with additional resources to administer grants, the Committee could provide a grant specialist. [Alternative 1] This alternative would provide \$64,300 GPR in 2023-24 and \$82,500 GPR in 2024-25 and 1.0 position annually.

6. If the Committee takes no action, the Department's resources for administering grants would remain at base level. [Alternative 2]

ALTERNATIVES

1. Provide \$64,300 GPR in 2023-24 and \$82,500 GPR in 2024-25 and 1.0 position annually.

| ALT 1 | Change to Base | |
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| | Funding | Positions |
| GPR | \$146,800 | 1.00 |

2. Take no action.

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