

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 0172-02
BILL NO.: HB 69
SUBJECT: Fire Protection, Department of Public Safety.
TYPE: Original
DATE: December 14, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
General Revenue*	\$0	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (\$Unknown)

* Subject to appropriation

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government*	\$0	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown

* Subject to appropriation

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety (DFS)** stated that there are 899 fire departments registered with their division. It is not known how many of these districts and departments receive less than \$10,000 in tax revenues or how many are wholly or partially supported by membership or a subscriber fee system. This would be a matching grant process; 25% local funds, 75% general revenue state funds. The DFS would create and process the grant applications.

The DFS assumes that the Fire Safety Advisory Board, which is housed in the Division, would review and approve (or disapprove) grant applications submitted by fire departments. The Division does not see a need for additional FTEs, however, the overall fiscal impact is unknown since there is not a dollar figure or formula specified within the legislation.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning (BAP)** state this proposal should not result in additional costs or savings to the Office of Administration.

Oversight assumes that funding is subject to appropriation and that the amount is unknown at this time.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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GENERAL REVENUE

Loss - General Revenue Fund

Appropriations of Grant Funds*	\$0	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$0	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
<u>Revenue - Local Fire Protection Districts</u>			
Grant Funds*	\$0	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown

*Subject to appropriation

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

A direct positive fiscal impact on certain small businesses may be expected because of possible construction projects that may be implemented due to this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal requires the Department of Public Safety to establish a grant program for volunteer fire protection associations and fire protection districts which collected or received less than \$10,000 in local tax revenue in the preceding year. The grants may be used for the purchase of equipment and the construction of fire stations. Grants are awarded on a matching fund basis. The fire association or district must show proof of dedication of funds equal to 25% of the amount necessary to complete the project. Funding for the grant program is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety
Division of Fire Safety
Office of Administration
Budget and Planning



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