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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5620-01
Bill No.: SB 792
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Public Safety Department
Type: Original
Date: March 27, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal raises the amount the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund can pay to eligible victims and provides that the Public Safety Department can negotiate costs on behalf of victims.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Crime Victims' Compensation	(Less than \$211,528)	(Less than \$253,834)	(Less than \$253,834)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	(Less than \$211,528)	(Less than \$253,834)	(Less than \$253,834)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☒ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Office of Administration - Budget and Planning** defer to the Department of Public Safety for a specific estimate on the impact to the Crime Victim' Compensation Fund.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (DPS)** state there will be some increase in amount expended due to increase in payroll reimbursement; however, due to times when the fund requests increase or decrease, generally, the fund balance remains around \$6.5 million, which we feel will continue. Therefore, DPS assumes the proposal would not have a fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes this proposal would double the amount of reimbursement from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund for lost wages from up to \$200 per week to up to \$400 per week. According to DPS' web site, over the past three years the following amounts were paid through the Crime Victims' Compensation Program for wages:

FY 2011	\$359,210
FY 2012	\$212,555
FY 2013	\$189,738

Therefore, Oversight will take an average of these three years (\$253,834) and assume DPS could double the amount paid from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (0681). Oversight will reflect 10 months of impact in FY '15.

Oversight also assumes that new Subsection 8 may result in savings to the fund from reduced medical expenses. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a net impact to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund of Less than \$253,834 per year.

The balance of the Fund at February 28, 2014 was \$7,012,696.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
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CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION

<u>Savings</u> - Department of Public Safety - new subsection 8 allows DPS to negotiate the costs of medical care or services on behalf of any victim receiving compensation from the fund.	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
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<u>Costs</u> - Department of Public Safety - increasing the maximum amount that could be paid for wages from \$200 per week to \$400 per week	<u>(\$211,528)</u>	<u>(\$253,834)</u>	<u>(\$253,834)</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND	<u>(Less than \$211,528)</u>	<u>(Less than \$253,834)</u>	<u>(Less than \$253,834)</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under current law, the Crime Victims' Compensation fund can pay eligible victims up to \$200 per week for the loss of employment and for injury or death. This act raises that amount to \$400 per week.

In addition, this act provides that the Department of Public Safety may negotiate directly with providers of medical care and other services on behalf of the victim with respect to the costs of the medical or services.

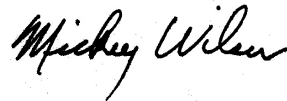
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FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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
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