

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1359H.02C  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 443  
Subject: Cemeteries; Estates, Wills and Trusts  
Type: Original  
Date: February 19, 2021

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Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding cemetery trust funds to allow use of principal funds in certain situations.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>  |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                 | <b>FY 2022</b> | <b>FY 2023</b> | <b>FY 2024</b> |
|  |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>              |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2022</b> | <b>FY 2023</b> | <b>FY 2024</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                  |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2022</b> | <b>FY 2023</b> | <b>FY 2024</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b> |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                      | <b>FY 2022</b> | <b>FY 2023</b> | <b>FY 2024</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>                  | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |

- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b> |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                       | <b>FY 2022</b> | <b>FY 2023</b> | <b>FY 2024</b> |
|  |                |                |                |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §§214.160 & 214.270 – Cemetery Trust Funds

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

**Oversight** notes the county commissions which have oversight over trust funds may use the principal of the trust fund to maintain and beautify cemeteries as it deem necessary. Oversight assumes this language in the proposal allows a commission to utilize additional funds not previously allowed in order to maintain and beautify cemeteries as it deems necessary. Oversight sees this as a change in policy for county commissions and will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other counties were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT –</u><br><u>State Government</u> | FY 2022<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2023    | FY 2024    |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
|   |                     |            |            |
|   | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT –</u><br><u>Local Government</u> | FY 2022<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2023    | FY 2024    |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
|   |                     |            |            |
|   | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

#### FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small businesses who maintain and beautify public or private cemeteries may benefit from the provisions of this proposal.

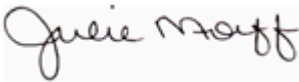
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes county commissions to use a part of the principal of a cemetery trust fund for the support and maintenance of the cemetery when the net income of the trust fund is insufficient for those purposes.

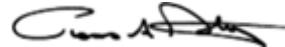
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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