

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

April 14, 2026  
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1397 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, strike line 3 and substitute "(11)(a)(II)
- 2 and (11)(a)(III); and **repeal** (11)(a)(I) as follows:"
- 3 Page 2, after line 5 insert:
- 4       "(11) (a) (I) ~~On July 1, 2028, the state treasurer shall transfer two~~
- 5 ~~million five hundred thousand dollars to the fund from the general fund;~~
- 6 ~~and on each July 1 thereafter, sufficient funds, subject to annual~~
- 7 ~~appropriation, to reimburse employers for the direct costs of providing the~~
- 8 ~~benefits required by this part 3 and 4 of article 5 of this title 29 for~~
- 9 ~~volunteer and part-time firefighters."~~
- 10 Page 2, line 7 strike "(11) (a)".
- 11 Page 2, line 8, after "July 1, 2024," insert "AND".
- 12 Page 2, lines 11 and 12, strike "and one million dollars for the state fiscal
- 13 year beginning on July 1, 2027," and substitute "~~and one million dollars~~
- 14 ~~for the state fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2027,"~~".
- 15 Page 3, line 6, strike "2028." and substitute "2026."
- 16 Page 3, line 8, strike "(3)(a)(I)(C)" and substitute "(3)(a)(I)(C),
- 17 (3)(a)(I)(D), and (3)(a)(I)(E)".
- 18 Page 3, line 19, after "(3)(a)(I);" insert "AND".
- 19 Page 3, after line 24 insert:

1           ~~"(D) For the state fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2027, the~~  
2 ~~general assembly shall appropriate five hundred thousand dollars from the~~  
3 ~~general fund to the division of criminal justice in the department of public~~  
4 ~~safety to be used for the purpose set forth in this subsection (3)(a)(I); and~~  
5           ~~(E) For the state fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2028, the general~~  
6 ~~assembly shall appropriate one million dollars from the general fund, and~~  
7 ~~on each July 1 thereafter, the general assembly shall appropriate sufficient~~  
8 ~~funds, subject to annual appropriation, to the division of criminal justice~~  
9 ~~in the department of public safety to be used for the purpose set forth in~~  
10 ~~this subsection (3)(a)(I)."~~

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