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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Buckner; Van Winkle Rep. Valdez; Soper	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS EXTENDED USES

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill revises and extends grant programs in the Department of Public Safety, and extends the authority to spend any remaining funds from appropriations made in the current FY 2022-23. It increases state expenditures beginning in FY 2024-25.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-277**

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	-	up to \$12.65 million
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve		up to \$1.9 million

Summary of Legislation

The bill modifies four grant programs in the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

The **Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Grant Program** received a one-time appropriation of \$10.3 million in FY 2022-23. This bill permits the DPS to spend money remaining from that appropriation beginning FY 2023-24. The department must use the remaining funds for the same purposes as the original appropriation. Under current law, the grant program repeals November 1, 2023. This bill extends the program until July 1, 2027.

Under current law, the **Law Enforcement Workforce Recruitment, Retention, and Tuition Grant Program** and the **State's Mission for Assistance in Recruiting and Training Policing (SMART) Grant Program** both repeal January 1, 2025. This bill extends the grant programs until July 1, 2027. The bill also expands the permissible uses of grant funds, updates reporting requirements, and authorizes DPS to provide technical support to assist in grant applications.

The **Behavioral Information and Data-Sharing Program** received a one-time appropriation of \$3.5 million in FY 2022-23. This bill permits the department to spend money remaining from that appropriation in FY 2023-24. Any money that is not expended or obligated by December 30, 2024, reverts to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Cash Fund.

State Expenditures

The bill extends spending authority for appropriations made to the DPS for the current FY 2022-23. No estimate has been provided of the amounts remaining from the \$13.8 million appropriations or an estimate of the amount to be spent in the next two fiscal years. This fiscal note will be updated when more information is collected from the DPS.

Beginning FY 2024-25, the bill increases state expenditures by extending the repeal of three grant programs. The Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets Grant Program may continue spending the original \$10.3 million without additional appropriations; under current law, the other grant programs are required to receive \$3.8 million in the current FY 2022-23, and in FY 2023-24. Depending on the timing of expenditures and fund balances, the DPS must make a budget request for funding these programs as new expenditures beginning sometime in FY 2024-25. Assuming the General Assembly funds the Safer Streets Grant Fund at \$5.15 million (one half the original \$10.3 million appropriation), and continues funding the other programs at \$3.75 million annually, total new expenditures beginning FY 2024-25 are about \$12.7 million.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and it took effect on June 7, 2023

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Safety