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HB 18-1102

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FISCAL NOTE**

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Sen. Cooke

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Bill Topic: EXTEND DISTRICT ATTORNEY FELLOWSHIPS TO 18 MONTHS

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

This bill extends the length of prosecution fellowships from one year to 18 months. It increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2018-19, the bill requires an appropriation of \$251,100 to the Department of Higher Education.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Judiciary Committee.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 18-1102**

		FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$251,000	\$251,100
Transfers		-	-

Summary of Legislation

This bill extends the amount of time a fellow can participate in the prosecution fellowship program from one year to 18 months and clarifies that the General Assembly will annually appropriate sufficient moneys for six fellowships each year. Any moneys not expended for salary and benefits may be used for fellow relocation costs or further training. Any unexpended or unencumbered money from the appropriation remains available for expenditures in the next fiscal year for cost of living adjustments without further appropriation.

Background

The fellowship program matches graduates of the law schools at the University of Colorado and University of Denver with rural district attorney's offices. The program was established under Senate Bill 14-174 and began in FY 2015-16. The fellowship program may fund the salary and benefits for up to six graduates each year and must also provide the fellow with a five-day training practicum. To have its graduates considered for participation, each law school must contribute an amount equal to 20 percent of the cost of the fellowship salary. A seven member Prosecution Fellowship Committee, consisting of district attorneys and law school dean representatives, selects graduates for fellowships and identifies placement locations.

Table 2 shows the current state appropriations for the program.

**Table 2
State Appropriations for the Fellowship Program**

Component	Cost
Salaries	\$244,800
Qualified Retirement Contributions and Medicare	\$35,496
Benefits	\$61,200
Practicum	\$15,000
Total Cost	\$356,496

In addition to the state share, law schools contribute \$61,200, bringing the total program appropriation under current law to \$417,696. It should be noted that the appropriation for this program has not been adjusted since SB14-174 was enacted, although costs have increased.

State Expenditures

By extending the existing program for six months, state costs are increased by \$251,100 General Fund per year. Because the bill now requires full funding of six fellowships, this represents an increase in salaries, qualified retirement contributions, medicare, and benefit payments to current law salaries. This analysis assumes that costs will begin July 1, 2018. Table 3 shows the allocation of costs per year under the bill.

Table 3
Revised Fellowship Expenditures Under HB 18-1102

Cost Components	Current Law	Revised Under HB18-1102	Difference
Department of Higher Education			
Salaries	\$244,800	\$424,800	\$180,000
Qualified Retirement Contributions and Medicare	\$35,496	\$61,596	\$26,100
Benefits	\$61,200	\$106,200	\$45,000
Practicum	\$15,000	\$15,000	-
State Share Total	\$356,496	\$607,596	\$251,100
Law school contribution	\$61,200	\$106,200	\$45,000
Program Total	\$417,696	\$713,796	\$296,100

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

Assuming the existing appropriation is included in the Long Bill for FY 2018-19, the bill requires an additional appropriation of \$251,100 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education. If the existing appropriation is not included in the Long Bill for FY 2018-19, the Department of Higher Education requires an appropriation of \$607,596.

State and Local Government Contacts

District Attorneys

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