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Bill Topic: PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEM

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer (minimal), TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill creates the Law Enforcement Information Sharing Grant program for the purpose of awarding a one-time grant of \$1.9 million in FY 2018-19. This bill increases state expenditures and workload in FY 2018-19 only. Local government costs and workload may also be impacted.

Appropriation Summary: This bill requires an appropriation of \$1,933,386 million in FY 2018-19.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 18-059

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Cash Funds, Centrally Appropriated), Total, Total FTE, and Transfers.

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Law Enforcement Information Sharing Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to provide a grant to a consortium of at least 50 law enforcement agencies in Colorado in FY 2018-19. This grant funding is to be used for operating and maintaining a law enforcement information sharing system. This bill also creates the Law Enforcement Information Sharing Grant Program Fund (grant fund) and requires the General Assembly to appropriate \$1.9 million to the grant fund from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund in FY 2018-19. All unexpended monies in the grant fund must be transferred to the General Fund on July 1, 2021.

This grant program will be administered by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety (DPS), which is authorized to promulgate grant program rules and award a grant based on the applicant's ability to serve law enforcement agencies statewide and to operate and maintain a law enforcement information sharing system.

State Transfers

This bill creates a state transfer from the Law Enforcement Information Sharing Grant Program Fund for any unexpended funds to be transferred to the General Fund on July 1, 2021. The amount of funds to be transferred is unknown, but is expected to be minimal.

State Expenditures

For FY 2018-19 only, this bill increases state expenditures in the DPS by \$1,933,386 and 0.4 FTE as shown in Table 2 and described below.

**Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 18-059**

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Department of Public Safety		
Personal Services	\$27,400	-
Law Enforcement Information Sharing Grant	\$1,900,000	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$5,986	-
FTE – Personal Services	0.5 FTE	-
Total Cost	\$1,933,386	-
Total FTE	0.4 FTE	-

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Department of Public Safety. For FY 2018-19 only, the DPS requires 0.4 FTE to administer the grant program. This includes developing program rules, grant application guidelines, reviewing grant applications, monitoring the use of grant funds, and producing grant funding reports. This position is also expected to perform site visits and assist the grant recipient and consortium members with the creation of the information sharing system.

Marijuana Tax Cash Fund. This bill reduces the amount of funds available for other uses in the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund by \$1.9 million in FY 2018-19 only.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$5,986 in both FY 2018-19.

Local Government

The creation of a law enforcement information sharing system potentially impacts local government law enforcement agencies in several ways. First, the use of a law enforcement sharing system could decrease workload to obtain information that was previously obtained from other sources. Second, because this grant will be awarded to a consortium of at least 50 law enforcement agencies, workload will increase to help set up and administer the information sharing system. Third, local law enforcement costs may increase to the extent that technology is needed to connect to the information sharing system and grant funds do not cover these costs.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

In FY 2018-19, this bill requires an appropriation of \$1,900,000 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund and \$27,400 and an allocation of 0.4 FTE from the General Fund to the Law Enforcement Information Sharing Grant Program Fund in the Department of Public Safety.

State and Local Government Contacts

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