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HB19-1045

FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Snyder

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Bill Status: House Judiciary
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Bill Topic: OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP OPERATION CONDITIONS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:**
- State Revenue
 - State Expenditure
 - State Transfer
 - TABOR Refund
 - Local Government
 - Statutory Public Entity

This bill removes the requirement that the Office of Public Guardianship wait to carry out certain duties until they have received \$1,750,000 in gifts, grants, and donations. It may shift the timing of state expenditures paid using gifts, grants, and donations.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill removes the requirement that the Office of Public Guardianship wait to carry out certain duties of the office until the public guardianship cash fund has received \$1,750,000 in gifts, grants, and donations.

Background

The Office of Public Guardianship in the Judicial Department was created by HB17-1087 as a pilot program and is set to repeal June 30, 2021. The office was established to provide legal guardianship services for incapacitated and indigent adults in the 2nd, 7th, and 16th judicial districts, conditional upon the receipt of sufficient gifts, grants, and donations.

State Expenditures

The Office of Public Guardianship is currently seeking gifts, grants, and donations. This bill only allows them to spend money before receiving the full \$1,750,000 from gifts, grants, and donations needed to fund the office. This will allow the office to begin spending available funds from gifts, grants, and donations sooner than under current law. It also will allow the office to spend any money appropriated by the General Assembly prior to the full amount being received, if such appropriations are made. No change in appropriations is required to account for the changes under the bill.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial