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Bill Topic: DEPARTMENT SMART ACT REPORT UNFUNDED PROGRAMS

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

The bill requires state agencies to annually submit a report of unfunded programs for presentation to the legislature. It minimally increases workload in all state agencies on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, each joint committee of reference is required to hear a presentation from each department that is assigned to it at an annual SMART Act hearing. The bills adds to each department's presentation requirements a report of its unfunded programs. The bill defines unfunded programs as any function permitted or required by law for which the department has not received funding for the last six fiscal years. The report must contain a description of each unfunded program, the last fiscal year in which the program received funding, and the statutory citation for the program.

The bill also requires the Legislative Council Staff to compile all such reports and submit them to the Statutory Revision Committee. The committee may recommend legislation repealing any unfunded program in the report.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2020-21, the bill increases workload in all state agencies to prepare and present the reports. It also creates additional workload for the Legislative Council Staff to collect and compile the reports. As the additional workload is expected to be minimal, no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

All State Agencies