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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. McCluskie; McKean Sen. Buckner; Cooke	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House HHS
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**Bill Topic:** EXPANDING PEACE OFFICERS MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

The bill expands the Peace Officers Mental Health Support and Community Partnerships Grant Program, changes how money is allocated, and removes the repeal date, among other changes. In FY 2021-22 only, this bill will increase state workload.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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

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## Summary of Legislation

This bill allows additional public safety agencies to apply to the newly renamed Peace Officers Mental Health Support and Community Partnerships Grant Program (grant program) to provide on-scene responsive services for calls related to mental health and social service needs. The bill also changes the allocation for how funding may be used to award grants. For the first \$2.0 million in state funds provided to the program, the allowable uses remain the same. For any non-state funds or any additional state funds appropriated after the initial \$2.0 million in current law, the bill allows the program to make grants for on-scene responsive services. In addition, the bill removes the repeal date for the grant program, encourages grant recipients to work with their regional community-based service providers, updates SMART Act reporting requirements, and removes outdated language.

## Background and Assumptions

Under current law, 335 agencies are currently eligible to apply to the grant program; under this bill, an additional 330 agencies would be eligible to apply to the grant program for on-scene response services funding. Currently, the grant program is funded through a \$2.0 million General Fund appropriation. The fiscal note assumes that this level of funding will continue and therefore the existing mix of grants and services under the program will continue. However, the General Assembly

may, but is not required to, appropriate additional money to the grant program, which would make funding available for on-scene responsive services permitted under the bill.

## State Expenditures

In FY 2021-22 only, workload in the Department of Local Affairs will increase to update policies and procedures for the grant program to include changes made in the bill. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations. If the General Assembly chooses to appropriate additional money above current funding levels, the Department of Local Affairs will have additional costs and workload to review grant applications from newly eligible organizations and to oversee the expanded grant program.

## Local Government

If additional state or grant funding becomes available in future fiscal years, local public safety agencies may apply for and receive grant funding to support on-scene responsive services.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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