

State Aid for Police Protection

Provision in the Bill: Limits the amount a local government may receive through the police aid formula in both fiscal 2011 and 2012 to the amount the jurisdiction receives in fiscal 2010.

Agency: Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention

Type of Action: Temporary mandate relief

Fiscal Impact:	<i>(\$ in millions)</i>					
	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>
GF Exp	\$0.0	(\$19.0)	(\$19.6)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

State Effect: General fund expenditures decrease by \$19.0 million in fiscal 2011 and by approximately \$19.6 million in fiscal 2012 due to the cap on the grants. The proposed fiscal 2011 State budget includes a reduction of \$19.0 million contingent on the enactment of legislation to reduce State police aid.

Local Effect: State aid to local governments decreases by \$19.0 million in fiscal 2011 and by approximately \$19.6 million in fiscal 2012. The amount any jurisdiction receives through the police aid formula in these two years may not exceed the amount it receives in fiscal 2010. The reduction is shown by county in Appendix C.

Program Description: The police aid formula, established in 1967, provides grants to counties and qualifying municipalities for the exclusive purpose of providing adequate police protection. Essentially, the formula distributes funding on a per capita basis; however, it also incorporates several other factors including population density and municipal sworn officer count. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2003 required the State to recover 30% of the State crime laboratory’s costs related to evidence testing from local jurisdictions through a reduction in police aid grants. The crime laboratory reduction for fiscal 2011 totals \$2.8 million.

Recent History: State funding for the police aid formula typically increases by 1.4% each year. In fiscal 2009, police aid totaled \$65.9 million compared to \$57.6 million in fiscal 1999. State funding for police aid was scheduled to total \$66.0 million in fiscal 2010; however, in August 2009, the Board of Public Works reduced funding under the formula by \$20.6 million or 31.2%. Due to this action, funding for police aid declined to \$45.4 million in fiscal 2010. Under current law, State funding for the police aid formula is estimated at \$64.4 million in fiscal 2011 and \$65.0 million in fiscal 2012.

Location of Provision(s) in the Bill: Section 17 (p. 31)

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Recommended Actions

1. Strike the following language:

~~; provided that \$18,955,972 of this appropriation shall be reduced contingent upon the enactment of legislation to reduce funding for State Aid for Police Protection.~~

Explanation: This action constitutes a technical amendment to strike language authorizing a reduction to the State Aid for Police Protection Grant Program contingent upon the enactment of legislation to level-fund the program in fiscal 2011 and 2012.

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Reduction</u>	
2. Reduce funding for local law enforcement grants by 10%. This relatively small reduction is recommended in light of the current fiscal environment. If adopted, this action will appropriate \$18,516,600 for local law enforcement grants in fiscal 2011.	\$ 2,057,400	GF
3. Delete funding budgeted to restore the Director of Communications position. The office has functioned without a full-time Director of Communications since fiscal 2007. Funding for such a position should be deferred to a future fiscal year given the current fiscal environment.	96,885	GF
4. Reduce funding for State Aid for Police Protection grants. This action would level-fund the grant program in fiscal 2011.	18,955,972	GF
Total General Fund Reductions	\$ 21,110,257	