

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of State Police Sex Offender Registration**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Lewis

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On April 25th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Police to the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of up to \$400,000 for funding to support and maintain sex offender registrations.

A federal law passed in 2006 includes specific requirements for sex offender registration. The Department of Justice provides grants through the Office of Sex Offender, Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking program to assist states, territories, and tribes with implementation and maintenance of sex offender registries to reach compliance with the law's guidelines. If awarded, the Department would utilize these funds to hire a limited duration position to identify issues around existing statutes, administrative rules, or internal policies and procedures that might be preventing the implementation of this federal law. There is no state match requirement.

The grant application was due April 19th. The Department submitted an application request to the Legislature on April 6th, however due to legislative scheduling conflicts, the grants did not receive a work session prior to the application deadline, making this a retroactive approval.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.