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Measure Description:

Authorizes Department of Justice to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Justice, Housing and Community Services Department

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

The measure appropriates \$5 million General Fund to the Department of Justice (DOJ) beginning July 1, 2023 to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs such as homelessness prevention, housing search assistance, tenant education and funding for rent, utilities, moving costs, deposits, application fees and safe emergency housing. Requires DOJ to submit a report, no later than September 15, 2024, to the appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly regarding housing expenditures. The measure sunsets January 2, 2026 and declares an emergency.

Department of Justice

The measure appropriates \$5 million General Fund to DOJ for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. DOJ reports that the funds will be used to provide safe, permanent housing to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition, the agency reports that the funds will be distributed to non-profit organizations to provide staff, housing, and financial support to victims to help maintain housing stability.

The Housing and Community Services Department reports no fiscal impact.

This measure has a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.