

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 318 - A**

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Measure Description:

Appropriates moneys to Department of Justice out of General Fund to fund analyst and investigator positions.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Justice

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Department of Justice		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$616,951	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$204,395	\$0
Total General Fund	\$821,346	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$821,346	\$0
<i>Total Positions</i>	3	0
<i>Total FTE</i>	2.63	0.00

Analysis:

The measure appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to fund analyst and investigator positions that will coordinate with local law enforcement investigators, prosecutors, and private sector loss prevention personnel who investigate and prosecute organized retail theft cases. The measure is effective January 1, 2024.

DOJ reports that the agency will hire one Research Analyst 3 and two Criminal Investigators who will work with local law enforcement investigators, prosecutors, and private sector loss prevention personal on organized retail theft cases. The agency reports the additional caseload is indeterminate at this time but, anticipates cases will involve, long-term, complex investigations. DOJ estimates the cost for the positions and service and supplies will be \$821,346 General Fund for the 2023-25 biennium.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that the measure provides funding on a one-time basis therefore, the fiscal impact statement assumes costs will only be incurred in the 2023-25 biennium. LFO also notes that DOJ's fiscal impact statement for the 2023-25 biennium is overstated by approximately \$144,380 due to the positions starting October 1, 2023 instead of the effective date of January 1, 2024.

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