

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Establishes State Fire Marshal Mobilization Fund.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of the State Fire Marshal

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

The measure establishes the State Fire Marshal Mobilization Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund and continuously appropriates monies to the Department of the State Fire Marshal (DSFM) for eligible mobilization costs and reimbursements incurred by the Department. The measure provides that expenditures shall not be a budget line item with a fixed limitation but, instead be in addition to any specific biennial appropriations or amounts authorized to be expended from continuously appropriated moneys for any biennial period. The measure requires the agency on July 1, of each odd-numbered year, to transfer any remaining balance in the Fund to the General Fund for governmental purposes.

The measure requires DSFM to request an appropriation for deposit into the Fund each biennium in an amount equal to twice the average annual expenditures over the past five years for eligible mobilization costs and reimbursements. Each biennium, the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate moneys for deposit equal to or greater than the department’s request. In addition, DSFM, on or before March 31 of each odd-numbered year, shall report to the standing or interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means on the amounts deposited into the Fund during the current biennium, actual and anticipated expenditures for the current biennium, and the anticipated amount that will be transferred to the General Fund.

In addition, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, the measure provides an appropriation for deposit into the Fund in an amount equal to twice the average annual expenditures over the past five years incurred by the Department for eligible mobilization costs and reimbursements. This provision is repealed on June 30, 2025.

The measure declares an emergency and is effective upon passage.

DSFM reports the average annual expenditures over the past five years is \$31.9 million for mobilization costs and reimbursements. The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the agency submitted a policy package in the agency request budget for the 2023-25 biennium requesting \$31.9 million General Fund for mobilization costs and reimbursements.

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.