

**HB 3196 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates general funds to the Department of Justice to offset reductions in funding from federal Victims of Crime Act grants. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) provides federal funding for victim assistance and compensation programs. VOCA grants have been reduced in recent years. The state's General Fund does not currently supplement VOCA grants funding for these programs. House Bill 3196 appropriates general funds to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to offset reductions in federal VOCA funding and includes an emergency clause for immediate implementation.