HB 3076 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Department of Justice 2025-27

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

Budget Summary*

	2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾		 27 Committee mmendation	Committee Change from 2023-25 Leg. Approved			
				ç	5 Change	% Change	
General Fund	\$	-	\$ 3,694,355	\$	3,694,355	100.0%	
Other Funds Limited	\$	-	\$ 3,694,355	\$	3,694,355	100.0%	
Total	\$	-	\$ 7,388,710	\$	7,388,710	100.0%	
Position Summary							
Authorized Positions		0	11		11.00		
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions		0.00	7.63		7.63		
* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures	5						

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 3076 appropriates \$3,694,355 General Fund to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for deposit into the Firearm Dealer License Fund created by the bill. It then provides \$1,948,124 Other Funds expenditure limitation to the Administration Division and \$1,746,231 Other Funds expenditure limitation to the Civil Enforcement Division to expend from the fund in implementing the requirements of the bill.

Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action

House Bill 3076 requires DOJ to issue state firearms dealer licenses beginning on July 1, 2027, for dealers selling more than 251 firearms per year and that do not only hold a Type 02 Federal Firearms License, and then for all dealers beginning July 1, 2028. The bill directs DOJ to initiate the program, process licenses, conduct onsite inspections of each license holder's place of business every four years to ensure compliance, develop or approve a training course to support potential licensees, and adopt rules to implement the program. The bill also establishes the Firearm Dealer License Fund to collect fee revenue generated for the program's operation. The fees charged will be based on the size and structure of each firearms dealer. Additionally, the bill specifies requirements for firearms dealers related to the storage and display of firearms in businesses, requirements for security, penalties for non-compliance, criteria for individuals who can be employees, volunteers, or contract personnel of a firearms dealer, and sets record keeping requirements. Revenue collected from the licensing fee is expected to partially support the program in future biennia. DOJ is required to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly concerning firearm dealer licensing by July 15, 2027. The Subcommittee recommended funding for the following divisions within DOJ.

Administration Division

The bill provides the Administration Division with \$1,948,124 Other Funds expenditure limitation and five positions (3.50 FTE) to deliver a fully functional system to support the new program. The positions include two limited duration Information System Specialist 7 positions (1.38 FTE), one limited duration Information System Specialist 5 position (0.63 FTE), one limited duration Information System Specialist 5 position (0.75 FTE) and one permanent, full-time Information System Specialist 7 position (0.75 FTE). Total services and supplies are budgeted at \$988,890, of which \$400,000 is provided on a one-time basis for system development costs.

Civil Enforcement Division

The bill appropriates \$3,694,355 General Fund to be deposited into the newly created Firearm Dealer License Fund. The bill also provides the Civil Enforcement Division with \$1,746,231 Other Funds expenditure limitation to expend from the Fund and establishes six positions (4.13 FTE) for the creation and implementation of the program. These activities will include establishing license requirements, establishing multidisciplinary inspection and enforcement teams, creating rules for the program, and developing or approving training materials. The positions include one permanent, full-time Senior Assistant Attorney General position (0.88 FTE), one permanent, full-time Compliance Specialist 3 position (0.88 FTE), one permanent, full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (0.88 FTE), one permanent, full-time Investigations Manager 1 position (0.75 FTE), one permanent, full-time Compliance Specialist 2 position (0.38 FTE), and one permanent, full-time Administrative Specialist 2 position (0.38 FTE). The positions will be phased in throughout the biennium. Total services and supplies for this division are budgeted at \$488,285 Other Funds expenditure limitation. Additional positions are expected to be needed when the program goes into effect in the 2027-29 biennium.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Department of Justice

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				OTHER FUNDS			FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL		
	GENERAL	LOTTERY				4			ALL		
DESCRIPTION	FUND	FUNDS		LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LI	MITED NONLIN	/ITED	FUNDS	POS	FTE
SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS											
Department of Justice											
SCR 010 - Administration Division											
Personal Services	\$ -	\$	- \$	959,234	\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	959,234	5	3.50
Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$	- \$	988,890	\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	988,890		
SCR 030 - Civil Enforcement Division											
Personal Services	\$ -	\$	- \$	1,257,946	\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	1,257,946	6	4.13
Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$	- \$	488,285	\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	488,285		
Special Payments (6060 Intra-agcy GF trnsfr)	\$ 3,694,355	\$	- \$	-	\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	3,694,355		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 3,694,355	\$	- \$	3,694,355	\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	7,388,710	11	7.63
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION*	\$ 3,694,355	\$	- \$	3,694,355	\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	7,388,710	11	7.63

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures

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