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LAW ENFORCEMENT OR SD EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides relative to funding of bulletproof vests for peace officers. (gov sig)

Present law requires that upon request, DPS&C provide bulletproof vests to every peace officer in the state provided that funds are appropriated for this purpose. Proposed law requires the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice to adopt rules and regulations necessary for the administration and enforcement of proposed law, that the vests shall meet U.S. Department of Justice National Institute for Justice standards; and that the vests shall be wholly manufactured within nations that are party to the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Proposed law creates the DPS&C Special Protective Equipment Fund (fund) in the state treasury for funding of bulletproof vests for peace officers. Proposed law requires funds in the fund to be invested in the same manner as SGF funds. Proposed law provides that interest earned on investment of funds be credited to the fund and requires that unexpended and unencumbered funds remain in the fund. Proposed law requires the state treasurer, beginning July 1, 2026, and each July first thereafter, to deposit into the fund at the beginning of each fiscal year \$8.5 M from SGF.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$42,500,000)
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$42,500,000
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase State General Fund (SGF) expenditures by \$7,191,963 within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services (DPS), Office of State Police (OSP), beginning in FY 27. The proposed law also creates the statutorily dedicated Department of Public Safety and Corrections Special Protective Equipment Fund within OSP and directs the state treasurer to deposit \$8.5 million SGF at the beginning of FY 2026-2027 and each subsequent fiscal year.

Office of State Police - OSP reports a need for twelve (12) additional positions to administer and distribute bulletproof vests to more than 400 law enforcement agencies representing approximately 30,000 officers statewide. The staffing estimate includes salaries and related benefits for one (1) Administrative Program Director 4, three (3) Administrative Program Manager 4, six (6) Administrative Program Specialist C positions, one (1) State Police Sergeant, and one (1) State Police Lieutenant, totaling \$1,454,931 (\$950,236 in salaries and \$504,695 in related benefits). Additional recurring expenses include operating services (\$14,600), supplies (\$22,900), and interagency transfers (IAT) to the Office of Technology Services for telecommunications and computer support (\$24,186 in FY 27 and \$17,362 annually thereafter). Other charges, primarily for the purchase and distribution of protective equipment, total \$5,400,000 annually. One-time acquisition costs are projected at \$275,346 in FY 27.

OSP Project Operating Budget Impact

EXPENDITURES	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	FY 30-31
Personnel (12 positions)	\$950,236	\$978,743	\$1,008,105	\$1,038,348	\$1,069,498
Related Benefits	\$504,695	\$577,969	\$586,128	\$598,592	\$609,370
Personnel Sub-Total	\$1,454,931	\$1,556,712	\$1,594,233	\$1,636,940	\$1,678,868
Operating Services	\$14,600	\$14,600	\$14,600	\$14,600	\$14,600
Supplies	\$22,900	\$22,900	\$22,900	\$22,900	\$22,900
Other Charges	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000
IAT - Programming/Telephones	\$24,186	\$17,362	\$17,362	\$17,362	\$17,362
Acquisitions	\$275,346	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$7,191,963	\$7,011,574	\$7,049,095	\$7,091,802	\$7,133,730


Note: In subsequent fiscal years, the fiscal note presumes a 3% increase in salaries.

The LFO cannot corroborate that the workload generated by the proposed law necessitates twelve additional positions. To the extent that existing personnel are utilized, actual personnel expenditures may be reduced. **Expenditure Explanation Continued on Page 2**

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure dedicates that \$8.5 M SGF per year is deposited into the Special Protective Equipment Fund. Therefore, \$8.5 M in revenue will not be available for SGF appropriation.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
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Expenditure Explanation continued

LA Commission on Law Enforcement - Standards, Administration, and Enforcement

The proposed law does provide that the LA Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) shall promulgate rules for the administration and enforcement of bulletproof vests purchased with funds appropriated into the newly created Department of Public Safety and Corrections Special Protective Equipment Fund. LCLE reports no additional costs associated with developing and promulgating rules.

Treasury - New Statutory Dedication

Creating a new statutory dedication within the state treasury will result in a marginal workload increase for the Department of Treasury, which can generally be absorbed within existing resources. However, to the extent that other legislative instruments create new statutory dedications, there may be additional material costs associated with the aggregate effort to administer these funds. The Treasury performs fund accounting, financial reporting, banking, and custodial functions for 458 special funds.

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