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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1312

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 1, 2023

BILL AMENDED: Jan 31, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Safety Funding for State Border Communities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Slager

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Indiana Border Safety Grant Program and the Indiana Border Safety Grant Fund. It provides that the program and fund are administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). It defines a "qualified law enforcement agency". It provides that a qualified law enforcement agency may apply to the institute for a grant for certain law enforcement equipment. It also makes an appropriation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2023.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Summary - This bill would increase the workload and expenditures of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to administer the Indiana Border Safety Grant Fund and Program. The bill provides a \$5 M appropriation for each year of the FY 2024 -FY 2025 biennium to carry out the purpose of the fund and program. Funding after FY 2025 will depend upon appropriations made by the General Assembly and the receipt of other sources of funding as provided by the bill.

Additional Information - Indiana Border Safety Grant Fund: This nonreverting fund would consist of appropriations from the General Assembly, donations, interest, and money transferred from other funds. The bill requires the fund to be administered by the ICJI. It will increase the workload and expenditures of ICJI to administer the fund.

(Revised) Indiana Border Safety Grant Program: The bill creates the Indiana Border Safety Grant Program to be administered by the ICJI. It awards grants to qualified law enforcement agencies to purchase license plate reader equipment, cross boarder agency communication patches, spike strips or stop strips, GPS bullets or tracking equipment, vehicle mounted GPS launchers, video surveillance equipment, or other equipment

approved. ICJI will prescribe the application, applying progress, and priority for the grant. The bill defines a qualified law enforcement agency as a law enforcement agency located in Indiana in which a number of arrests of individuals who reside outside of Indiana made by the law enforcement agency during the immediately preceding year is equal to or greater than 200% of either:

- (1) the mean number of arrests of individuals who reside outside Indiana made by the law enforcement agency for either misdemeanors or felonies for the immediately preceding 10 years that exceed the number of arrests made by the law enforcement agency for misdemeanors or felonies for the tenth year preceding the immediately preceding year;
- (2) the number of arrests of individuals who reside outside Indiana for misdemeanors or felonies during the year preceding the immediately preceding year; or
- (3) the number of arrests of individuals who reside outside Indiana for misdemeanors or felonies during the tenth year preceding the immediately preceding year.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Indiana Border Safety Grant Fund:* Revenue could increase to the Indiana Border Safety Grant Fund to the extent the fund accrues interest on invested unused assets and donations or gifts are made to the fund. However, any revenue increases are likely to be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Grant Funding:* Qualified law enforcement agencies would receive funding from the Indiana Border Safety Grant Fund. The use of the revenue provided from the grants would be restricted to the purchase of certain law enforcement equipment.

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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