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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Griego DATE TYPED 1/26/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE State Police Salaries SB 129

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$6,700.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

No Response

Personnel Board (PB)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 129 appropriates \$6,700,00 from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety for State Police salary increases. The bill states the Legislative Finance Committee will review annually State Police salaries relative to other law enforcement agencies in the state, and will recommend to the legislature salary increases sufficient to maintain the State Police salary ranking within the three highest salary ranges of law enforcement agencies in the state.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DPS reports increased compensation would allow the Department to recruit and retain skilled officers and not lose them to in-state county and municipal law enforcement agencies. Also, the attrition of skilled officers has had an effect on department operations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$6,700,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

The bill will require future appropriations due to the Legislative Finance Committee being required to recommend to the legislature salary increases sufficient to maintain the State Police salary ranking among the top three law enforcement agencies in the state.

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