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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 6 FEB 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 286 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Meredith A. Dixon **Agency Name and Code** 790 – Department of Public Safety
Short Title: Crime Reduction Grant Act Applications **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Relates to grants provided by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Amends the purposes for which a crime reduction grant application may be made by eliminating the purpose of recruiting or retaining law enforcement officers, prosecutors, public defenders, corrections officers, and mental health workers.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed legislation would eliminate the ability to use these grants to recruit or retain law enforcement officers, prosecutors, public defenders, corrections officers, and mental health workers. This change would likely refocus the grants on other aspects of crime reduction, such as community-based programs, intervention initiatives, or rehabilitation efforts, rather than the direct support of personnel recruitment and retention. DPS supports this shift in priorities, emphasizing long-term solutions to crime reduction that go beyond staffing.

Rather than utilizing grant funds for recruitment and retention, the money can be used in other ways, like funding initiatives aimed at lowering crime rates by providing local law enforcement agencies with resources to enhance their capabilities. This could include support for community policing, investigative resources, crime analysis, or anti-gang programs, all of which have been shown to lead to a reduction in crime. It is important to note that during the last several legislative sessions, law enforcement agencies and officers have received millions of dollars in recruitment and retention funding. This funding has been utilized for officer stipends, recruitment efforts, training, and many other areas positively impacting the law enforcement community.

DPS supports community programming that focuses on providing support and fostering cooperation between local organizations, law enforcement, and residents. By enhancing community cohesion and ensuring that individuals feel empowered to engage in crime prevention efforts, we create a stronger, more resilient social fabric that is less prone to criminal activity.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

None.