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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Vigil DATE TYPED: 2/25/03 HB 906

SHORT TITLE: DPS Training Program Fund SB _____

ANALYST: Maloy

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04			
	(\$103.0)	(\$103.0)	Recurring	General Fund
	\$103.0	\$103.0	Recurring	OSF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Public Safety

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 906 amends existing law to allow the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide basic law enforcement training to local public bodies, tribes and pueblos for the purposes of aiding those entities in obtaining certification. Currently, the law provides that DPS may charge state agencies, federal entities and civilian participants the costs associated in providing the law enforcement basic training. These charges may not exceed the actual cost of providing the training programs.

Similarly, the DPS is granted the authority to charge fees for advanced training and the use or rental of the academy's facility, personnel and equipment. Again, the charges may not exceed the actual costs to the department.

The fund to which payment for the DPS training services is made is called the "law enforcement training and recruiting fund." DPS administers the fund for the purposes of offsetting the operational costs for conducting and supporting the training programs.

Current law provides that any unexpended or unencumbered balances, at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the general fund. House Bill 906 amends this reversion clause to provide the revenue in this fund shall not revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

DPS asserts that this bill will allow the Training and Recruiting Division to take advantage of all revenue that is generated, to reduce unnecessary paperwork generating Budget Increase Requests, and to more efficiently manage funds over the long term. “This will ensure that the constituent personnel and agencies that have paid into the fund are receiving services for their money, rather than it reverting to the general fund.”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DPS estimates \$309.0 has reverted to the general fund over the past three years. If revenue paid into this fund no longer reverts to the general fund, the general fund will lose approximately \$103.0 per year. This would be a recurring loss of revenue to the general fund, but recurring revenue to the Law Enforcement Training and Recruiting Fund.

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