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LAW ENFORCEMENT OR +\$8,858,784 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2  
 Provides relative to the funding of bulletproof vests for peace officers

Proposed law creates the Department of Public Safety and Corrections Special Protective Equipment Fund for purchasing bulletproof vests for all peace officers. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund shall remain in the fund. Proposed law requires the LA Commission on Law Enforcement to promulgate rules and regulations for the distribution of bulletproof vests. Beginning 7/01/23, proposed law requires the treasurer to deposit \$8.5 M into the fund at the start of each fiscal year.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$8,858,784	\$8,857,123	\$8,866,126	\$8,875,398	\$8,888,948	<b>\$44,346,379</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	<b>(\$42,500,000)</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	<b>\$42,500,000</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGF expenditures by \$8,858,784 within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Service (DPS), Office of State Police beginning in FY 24 (\$8.5 M purchase of bulletproof vests and \$358,784 distribution of bulletproof vests). The proposed law creates the statutorily dedicated Department of Public Safety and Corrections Special Protective Equipment Fund in the Office of State Police and directs the treasurer to deposit \$8.5 M into the fund from various potential funding sources at the beginning of FY 24 and each subsequent fiscal year. Although this measure creates the Special Protective Equipment Fund, the proposed law does not identify a recurring source of revenue for the \$8.5 M. The LFO anticipates that the source will be SGF. If funds are appropriated into the fund, the proposed law provides Special Protective Equipment Fund shall be utilized for providing bulletproof vests to peace officers.

**Office of State Police - Distribution** DPS reports needing four (4) additional staff within the Office of State Police to distribute the bulletproof vests to over 400 law enforcement agencies with approximately 26,000 officers. The staffing estimate includes salaries and related benefits for four Administrative Program Specialist A positions (\$342,024). Other recurring costs include office supplies (\$1,200), automotive maintenance (\$1,200), IAT to Office of Technology Services (OTS) for telephone and computer equipment (\$3,960), and acquisitions (\$10,400).

**DPS Projected Operating Budget Impact**

EXPENDITURES	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28
Personnel (4 Admin positions)	\$205,380	\$211,541	\$217,888	\$224,424	\$231,157
Related Benefits	<u>\$136,644</u>	<u>\$139,222</u>	<u>\$141,878</u>	<u>\$144,614</u>	<u>\$147,431</u>
<b>Personnel Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$342,024</b>	<b>\$350,763</b>	<b>\$359,766</b>	<b>\$369,038</b>	<b>\$378,588</b>
Operating Services	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Other Charges	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000
IAT - Programming/Telephones	\$3,960	\$3,960	\$3,960	\$3,960	\$3,960
Acquisitions	<u>\$10,400</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,858,784</b>	<b>\$8,857,123</b>	<b>\$8,866,126</b>	<b>\$8,875,398</b>	<b>\$8,888,948</b>

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

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**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law directs the state treasurer deposit \$8,500,000 into the fund at the beginning of each fiscal year. The LFO anticipates the source of these funds will be SGF. The fund would realize an increase of \$8.5 M and the SGF would realize a corresponding dollar for dollar decrease.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
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**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 other legislative instruments create new statutory dedications, there may be material additional costs associated with the aggregate effort to administer these funds. The Treasury performs fund accounting, financial reporting, banking, and custodial functions for 436 special funds. When unable to absorb additional workload with existing resources, the Treasury anticipates it will be required to add one T.O. position at a total personnel services cost of approximately \$78,000, plus approximately \$2,450 for a one-time purchase of office equipment. These expenditures are assumed to be SGR in this fiscal note.

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