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sHB-6754

AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE
OF BODY-WORN ELECTRONIC RECORDING EQUIPMENT.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

There is a revenue gain to municipalities resulting from the bill, which extends reimbursements by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to municipalities who choose to replace their body worn cameras or dashboard cameras. To the extent a municipality opts to replace this equipment, it would receive a potentially significant reimbursement under OPM.

Body Camera Bond Funds

The body-worn camera purchase program, which was expanded to allow for reimbursements for first-time purchase of dashboard cameras in PA 17-225, is funded through General Obligation (GO) bond funds. The program has been authorized for \$12 million in net

bond funds since its inception in 2015¹. As of April 3, 2019 the unallocated bond balance available to the program is approximately \$3.78 million. The bill does not change GO bond authorizations relevant to the program.

Future General Fund debt service costs may be incurred sooner under the bill to the degree that it causes authorized GO bond funds to be expended more rapidly than they otherwise would have been.

There is potential for municipalities who purchase or have purchased items from the expanded allowable item list, as described in the bill, to seek increased or additional reimbursements.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the terms of any bonds issued.

¹ \$3 million of the original \$15 million authorization was cancelled by PA 16-4 MSS.