

Veterans' Affairs Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6428

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE

Title: PROGRAM ACCOUNT.

Vote Date: 3/18/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/18/2021

File No.: 202

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' Affairs Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill was proposed to establish a law enforcement support office program account. This bill refers to funds related to the Department of Defense's 1033 program where excess DoD property is transferred to participating law enforcement agencies. The Military Department is designated as the state agency to oversee this program and the funds that are paid by law enforcement agencies to participate. In order to ensure proper accounting for these funds, this bill establishes a separate non-lapsing account within the General Fund.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Major General Francis Evon, the Adjutant General, Military Department](#) : The Adjutant General testified in support of this bill at the public hearing, as well as submitting written testimony. This legislation was introduced at the request of the Military Department. As the designated state agency to implement the Department of Defense's "1033 Program" statewide, the Military Department requires a properly designated non-lapsing fund to execute the program's fiscal requirements. Addressing the "Act Concerning Police Accountability," which restricts but does not prohibit acquisition of DoD property, the Adjutant General anticipates that law enforcement agencies will likely continue to possess or acquire excess DoD property. This account typically amounts to approximately \$30,000 per year. The Adjutant General concluded that this bill will ensure proper accountability of state funds.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed.

Reported by: Edward Jacome, Assistant Clerk Date: 03/24/21