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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS WITH AUTOMATED NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEMS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Various Municipal Police Departments	Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to administer a program to provide grants to law enforcement units to obtain automated number plate recognition system, results in a potential cost to the state and potential savings to various municipal police departments in FY 25 and FY 26, to the extent that grants are awarded. Such potential cost is contingent upon funding being made available for the grant program.¹

It is expected that DESPP can administer this program with existing

¹The bill does not allocate funds from any source. Historically, DESPP has received funds for similar programs from a variety of sources including appropriations, bond authorizations, and federal funds (including ARPA). If DESPP receives state funding, it is assumed to be a general fund appropriation or bond authorization.

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Automated number plate recognition systems can vary widely in cost depending on the requirements of the law enforcement unit. Cameras, if purchased outright, typically cost about \$20,000 each but can range from \$10,000 to \$40,000. Alternatively, the cameras can be leased for about \$2,000 to \$4,000 each per year. For both options, there are additional ongoing maintenance and data storage expenses. A grant awarded to a law enforcement unit covering the initial purchase of a system with 10 cameras² will cost about \$200,000.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to funding being made available for the grant program.

²The number of cameras that a law enforcement unit requires will vary widely depending on the unit's jurisdiction and may range from about five to over 100.