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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 37

(Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee)(By Request -
Departmental - Office of Crime Control and Prevention)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Funds - Obsolete Provisions - Repeal

This departmental bill repeals the Drug and Alcohol Grants Program and Fund, the Law Enforcement Equipment Fund, and the DNA Technology Fund, all of which are administered by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP). The bill also repeals the requirements and procedures for those funds.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Although GOCCP reports that the bill results in operational efficiencies due to the repeal of specified reporting requirements, the bill is procedural in nature and does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: GOCCP has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law/Background:

Drug and Alcohol Grants Program and Fund: The Drug and Alcohol Grants Program and Fund was established to provide grant money for neighborhood crime prevention programs

and drug and alcohol abuse education, prevention, treatment, and law enforcement programs. The fund consists of money appropriated in the State budget. GOCCP administers the fund and is required to report annually, within the Survivors of Homicide Grant Program annual report, on disbursements from the fund. GOCCP advises that no money has ever been allocated to the fund.

Law Enforcement Equipment Fund: The Law Enforcement Equipment Fund was established in 2001 to assist local law enforcement agencies in acquiring equipment needed to address violent crime. The fund consists of money appropriated in the State budget. GOCCP administers the fund and is required to report annually, by September 1, on the distribution of aid from the fund. In its September 2016 report, GOCCP reported that no money has ever been allocated to the fund.

DNA Technology Fund: The DNA Technology Fund was established to assist the Department of State Police and local law enforcement agencies in acquiring DNA technology equipment needed to test DNA samples. The fund consists of money received from any private entity or federal agency for the purpose of collecting and testing DNA samples. GOCCP administers the fund and is required to report annually, by September 1, on the distribution of aid from the fund. In its September 2016 report, GOCCP reported that no money has ever been allocated to the fund.

GOCCP advises that the repeal of the three funds results in operational efficiencies as the office will no longer be required to annually produce and send reports relating to the unfunded funds.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; Department of Budget and Management; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Funds – Repeal of Obsolete Provisions

BILL NUMBER: SB 37

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PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS