

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1421  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Under current law, a municipality with a population of less than 850,000 must use money collected from certain municipal court costs for a school crossing guard program. Current law authorizes a municipality, if the municipality does not operate a school crossing guard program or if the money received from certain court costs exceeds the amount necessary to fund a school crossing guard program, to either deposit the additional funds in an interest-bearing account or use the funds for programs designed to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition.

H.B. 1421 allows a municipality with a population of less than 850,000 that does not operate a school crossing guard program or has funds exceeding the amount necessary to operate such a program to expend those funds received from certain court costs for programs designed to enhance public safety and security.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1421 amends a provision of the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the authorized uses for the money a municipality collects from court costs from municipal court cases if the municipality does not operate a school crossing guard program, which otherwise would receive such funds, or the money received exceeds the amount necessary to fund such a program to authorize the municipality to expend the additional money for programs designed to enhance public safety and security.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the act does not receive the necessary vote, the act takes effect September 1, 2009.