

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Greg Bonnen, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB626 by Spiller (Relating to the salaries of sheriffs and to state assistance payments to offset the cost of sheriff's salaries in certain counties.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB626, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$8,400,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2024	(\$4,200,000)
2025	(\$4,200,000)
2026	(\$4,200,000)
2027	(\$4,200,000)
2028	(\$4,200,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1
2024	(\$4,200,000)
2025	(\$4,200,000)
2026	(\$4,200,000)
2027	(\$4,200,000)
2028	(\$4,200,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would set a minimum salary of \$75,000 for every county's sheriff and would entitle counties with populations of 50,000 or less to an annual assistance payment from the state to assist in paying sheriffs' salaries. Counties with populations greater than 25,000 but less than or equal to 50,000 would be entitled to a \$10,000 annual payment, while counties with populations 25,000 or less would be entitled to a \$25,000 annual payment.

The bill would require each eligible county to submit an application to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) within 30 days of the beginning of the county's fiscal year in order to receive the assistance payment. The bill would require the CPA to remit the assistance payment to which a county is entitled from available state funds within 30 days of receiving the application.

Methodology

The CPA assumes a total of 189 counties with a population of 50,000 or less, and 154 of those with a population of 25,000 or less. The total cost of state assistance payments to all counties with populations of 50,000 or less would be \$4.2 million to the General Revenue Fund per fiscal year.

Local Government Impact

There could be an impact on certain counties whose sheriffs do not already make the minimum salary that would be set by the bill and who would not be eligible for the state assistance that would be established by the bill.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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