

Department of Planning and Budget  
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number: SB 456**

House of Origin    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
Second House    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron: Carrico**

**3. Committee: Senate Courts of Justice**

**4. Title: Regional criminal justice training academies**

**5. Summary:**

One of the sources of state funding for regional criminal justice training academies is the Regional Criminal Justice Academy Training Fund (“the Fund”). The Fund consists of revenues collected from a \$1.00 fee that is charged, as part of court costs, from anyone convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. The statutory purpose of the Fund is to provide financial support for regional criminal justice training academies. It is administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), which distributes the revenues in the Fund on the basis of the number of certified law-enforcement officers in the region served by each academy.

The proposed legislation would change the method for distributing the revenue in the Fund. It would require that the money in the Fund be distributed to the localities participating in a regional academy in proportion to the moneys deposited in the Fund that were collected from each locality. A locality would be required to use any money distributed from the Fund only to provide financial support for the regional training academy in which it was a member.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 40**

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8 below.**

**. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2017	\$60,000	General
2018	\$0	
2019	\$0	
2020	\$0	
2021	\$0	
2022	\$0	

## **8. Fiscal Implications:**

Currently, DCJS is unable to identify how much revenue was deposited into the Fund by a specific locality. For it to be able to do that, circuit and district court clerks would have to include some sort of identifier, such as a FIPPS code, with each of its deposits into the Fund. The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES) would need to develop the programming and computer interfaces for the clerks in order to implement the requirements of the proposed legislation. It is estimated that OES would need the equivalent of a programmer for six months in the first year to accomplish this task. The estimated cost of contracting for such work is reflected in Item 7.

There is not enough information available to project the fiscal impact the proposed legislation would have on localities or on the regional criminal justice training academies. For example, not all localities are members of regional criminal justice training academies, but how the legislation would affect them is not clear.

## **9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Criminal Justice Services  
Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court  
Circuit and district court clerks  
Regional criminal justice training academies  
Member localities of regional criminal justice training academies

## **10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

## **11. Other Comments:** None.

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