

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

Fifty-Sixth Legislature, First Regular Session

AMENDED FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1187

public safety investment fund; appropriation

Purpose

Establishes the Public Safety Investment Fund (Investment Fund) to be administered by the State Treasurer. Appropriates \$45 million from the state General Fund (state GF) in FY 2024 to the Investment Fund for distribution to city and town police departments for equipment and training.

Background

The Peace Officer Training Equipment Fund (Equipment Fund) is administered by the State Treasurer and consists of monies collected from a \$9 surcharge, of which \$4 is deposited into the Equipment Fund, on fees charged by court authorized diversion programs, and another \$4 assessment levied on all civil and criminal traffic violation penalties. The Peace Officer Training Equipment Fund Advisory Commission is tasked with annually submitting written recommendations on the allocation of monies in the Equipment Fund (A.R.S. §§ 41-1731 and 41-1732).

S.B. 1187 appropriates \$45 million from the state GF in FY 2024 to the Investment Fund.

Provisions

- 1. Establishes the Investment Fund consisting of legislative appropriations.
- 2. Appropriates \$45 million from the state GF in FY 2024 to the Investment Fund, and further appropriates from the Investment Fund to the State Treasurer.
- 3. Requires the State Treasurer to administer the Investment Fund and distribute monies in the Investment Fund to city and town police departments for equipment and training.
- 4. Caps, at \$250,000, the amount of monies that the State Treasurer may distribute each fiscal year to a single city or town police department.
- 5. Requires the State Treasurer to prioritize cities and towns with populations of fewer than 150,000 persons.
- 6. Allows the State Treasurer to hire one additional full-time equivalent position and use not more than \$250,000 of appropriated monies to administer the Investment Fund.
- 7. Specifies that monies in the Investment Fund are subject to legislative appropriation.

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- 8. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing.
- 9. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

- 1. Limits the entities that may receive funding from the Investment Fund to city and town police departments, rather than all law enforcement agencies.
- 2. Caps the amount that any city or town police department may receive each fiscal year at \$250,000.
- 3. Requires the State Treasurer to prioritize distribution of monies to cities and towns with a population of fewer than 150,000 persons.
- 4. Allows the State Treasurer to hire one additional FTE and spend not more than \$250,000 of appropriated monies to administer the Fund.

Senate Action

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