STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26306

This is the FY 2019 original appropriation bill for the Public Defense Commission. It appropriates \$5,804,800 and caps the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions at 6.00.

For benefit costs, the bill removes \$1,450 per eligible FTP to bring the annual employer contribution for health insurance down to \$11,650 by including a two-month employee and employer premium holiday, adds a 6.8% increase for life insurance, and adjusts funding for workers' compensation in amounts that vary by agency. For statewide cost allocation, \$29,800 is removed, as Attorney General fees will decrease by \$30,300, risk management costs will decrease by \$200, and State Controller fees will increase by \$700. The bill also provides funding for a 3% ongoing merit-based salary increase for permanent employees, to be distributed at the discretion of the agency head.

The bill funds one line item, which provides \$1,000 for IT and telecommunications.

The bill also expresses legislative intent for FY 2018 and FY 2019 that clarifies how the agency is to use, transfer, and encumber its appropriation for trustee and benefit payments.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2018 Original Appropriation	6.00	5,827,700	0	0	5,827,700
FY 2019 Base	6.00	5,827,700	0	0	5,827,700
Benefit Costs	0.00	(8,100)	0	0	(8,100)
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	(29,800)	0	0	(29,800)
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	14,000	0	0	14,000
FY 2019 Program Maintenance	6.00	5,803,800	0	0	5,803,800
4. IT/Telecommunications	0.00	1,000	0	0	1,000
FY 2019 Total	6.00	5,804,800	0	0	5,804,800
Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp	0.00	(22,900)	0	0	(22,900)
% Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp.	0.0%	(0.4%)			(0.4%)

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