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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6580

BILL NUMBER: HB 1093

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 18, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Mar 18, 2013

SUBJECT: Killing a Law Enforcement Animal.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. VanDenburgh

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Landske

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires a court to order a person convicted of the offense of: (1) striking, tormenting, injuring, or otherwise mistreating a law enforcement animal; or (2) interfering with the actions of a law enforcement animal while the animal is engaged in assisting a law enforcement officer; to make restitution to the person or law enforcement agency that owns the animal for reimbursement of replacement costs of the animal if the animal is permanently disabled or killed.

The bill permits a law enforcement agency to apply to the Violent Crime Victims Compensation Unit to obtain reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with a law enforcement animal that is killed or permanently disabled.

The bill urges the Legislative Council to assign to an interim study committee the topic of the appropriate penalty for a person who harms a law enforcement animal.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill could result in a greater likelihood that the state would be reimbursed for the replacement cost of the enforcement animal, either through restitution or a payment from the Violent Crime Victims Compensation Fund. The cost of a trained police dog is between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The fund spent about \$2.5 M in FY 2011 and \$5 M in FY 2012.

(Revised) If additional meetings were held in order for the existing interim study committee to study the assigned topic, there could be additional costs for legislator per diem and member travel. The study committee

would still need to operate within the budget established by the Legislative Council.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill could result in a greater likelihood that a local unit would be reimbursed for the replacement cost of the enforcement animal. (See *Explanation of State Expenditures.*)

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State law enforcement agencies.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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