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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6803
BILL NUMBER: SB 190

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 1, 2024
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: State Disaster Relief Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Carrasco
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill makes changes to the permissible uses for the State Disaster Relief Fund (fund). It makes changes to the requirements for an eligible entity to receive financial assistance from the fund. It makes changes to the calculations used to determine the amount of financial assistance an eligible entity may receive from the fund. It increases, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the amount of loss that may be compensated for damages to an individual's property. It also repeals provisions that:

- (1) provide a definition of "public facility";
- (2) provide limitations for an entity suffering multiple disaster emergencies; and
- (3) provide requirements for an application of an eligible entity that is an individual to obtain financial assistance from the fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *State Disaster Relief Fund:* The bill provisions would increase expenditures from the State Disaster Relief Fund to the extent that eligible entities incurred a loss from a disaster. Expenditure increases would come from the bill provisions increasing the cap on the amount of loss compensated for damages to an individual's property to \$25,000, allowing grant assistance for suffering multiple disasters at once, increasing the calculation of disaster assistance from 50% minus amount equal to one dollar times the population of the entity to up to 65% of the total cost of damage to the eligible entity if meets certain requirements of the bill, and funding disaster mitigation projects.

The Department of Homeland Security would see an increase in workload to make changes provided by the bill's provisions to the State Disaster Relief Fund. The bill's requirements are within the agency's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming

near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Additional Information - The State Disaster Relief Fund is funded through appropriations from the General Assembly and the Public Safety Fee. In FY 2023, the State Disaster Relief Fund was appropriated \$149,784 and received \$2.56 M from the Public Safety Fee. An eligible entity is county, a city, a town, a township, or an individual who has incurred loss or cost because of a disaster.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Eligible entities would see an increase in revenue from grant assistance. However, any increase in revenue would be used to pay for the costs of repairing, replacing, or restoring property, response cost, or disaster mitigation projects.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Homeland Security.

Local Agencies Affected: County, a city, a town, or a township.

Information Sources: Auditor's Data.

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