



March 4, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014334):** Requires that grants provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to assist distressed counties require a 10 percent match of funds raised locally, which may include public and private funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$1,234,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/  
Department of Environment and Conservation**

**Decrease Local Expenditures – \$1,234,100/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by TDEC, this legislation will impact grants provided to distressed counties from the Recreation Resources Division, Division of Water Resources, and Division of Solid Waste Management.
- Based on currently outstanding grants, the proposed legislation would result in a decrease in local expenditures of \$1,234,399 as current matching requirements are generally higher than the proposed 10 percent. TDEC states that the currently outstanding grants are a good representation of the grant population annually.
- It is assumed that the state would assume the burden in funding for such grants caused by a difference in the current local matching rates of such grants and those established by this legislation so that the total project amounts are not impacted.
- Therefore, the increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$1,234,399 in FY24-25 and subsequent years.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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