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House Concurrent Resolution 26 (as reported without amendment)

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House Committee: Appropriations

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CONTENT

The resolution would exercise an option under Public Act 416 of 1978 that permits the Legislature to declare that counties applying for Secondary Road Patrol Grant funds for sheriff's patrols do not have to meet statutory law enforcement maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements in order to receive funding, due to cuts in general services related to economic conditions, and that cities and villages do not have to meet MOE requirements to be eligible for road patrol services by county sheriff's departments under the same circumstances. The resolution would exercise this option for fiscal year (FY) 2018-19.

FISCAL IMPACT

The resolution would have no overall impact on State expenditures. It would allow those counties (Branch, Iosco, and Wayne) that are not able to meet the maintenance of effort standard for normal receipt of Secondary Road Patrol Grant funds for FY 2018-19 to receive them. Otherwise, those funds, distributed on a percentage basis to eligible counties from a total amount of \$7.5 million, garnered from a \$10 surcharge on moving violations, would be redistributed to counties that meet the MOE standard. The projected grant distribution to these counties (\$56,026 to Branch, \$46,950 to Iosco and \$1,080,525 to Wayne) would be made available to them in the event HCR 26 was adopted by both chambers of the Legislature. The House adopted HCR 26 on September 26, 2018.

It should be noted that funds available for distribution of the grants have decreased in recent years due to declining numbers of traffic tickets being issued and the spending down of carryforward revenue, resulting in a drop of total grant distributions from \$9.3 million in FY 2016-17 to \$7.5 million projected for FY 2018-19.

The Legislature has passed similar waiver resolutions for the past several years, including most recently HCR 13 of 2017.

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