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Funding Adjustments for the Department of Justice (DOJ) Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS) Investigation Teams

- The Governor’s plan proposes a total \$17.5 million ongoing General Fund augmentation to fully shift support of APPS investigation teams to the General Fund. This amount includes providing \$11.9 million to replace support currently provided by three special funds—the Dealers’ Record of Sale (DROS) Special Account, the Firearms Safety and Enforcement (FS&E) Special Fund, and the Firearms Safety Account. The Governor’s plan also includes an ongoing \$5.6 million General Fund augmentation to support 26 new positions for the teams.
- Both houses provide an \$11.9 million General Fund augmentation for APPS investigation teams to replace an equal amount of funding currently provided by the DROS Special Account and the FS&E Special Fund. However, the Senate plan provides the General Fund augmentation on a one-time basis, while the Assembly plan does so on an ongoing basis.

Summary of Funding Adjustments

(In Millions)

	Governor	Senate	Assembly
General Fund	\$17.5	\$11.9	\$11.9
DROS Special Account	-6.0	-6.0	-6.0
FS&E Special Fund	-5.3	-5.9	-5.9
Firearm Safety Account	-0.6	—	—
Net Change in Total Funding Support	\$5.6	—	—

DROS = Dealers’ Record of Sale and FS&E = Firearms Safety and Enforcement.



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Funding Adjustments for DROS Section at DOJ

- To maintain the solvency of the DROS Special Account, both houses reduced the amount of funding from the account for the DROS section by \$5.3 million and replaced it with funding from the FS&E Special Fund, as proposed by the Governor. Thus, maintaining total funding for the DROS section at \$12.1 million.

Additional Funding for Local Law Enforcement Agencies

- Both houses approved a \$3 million one-time General Fund augmentation to support local law enforcement agencies in four counties conducting firearm enforcement activities like the APPS investigation teams.
- The Governor's plan does not include the above augmentation.

Reporting Requirements

- Both houses approved language requiring (1) local law enforcement agencies report on how the funds were used and assessing the effectiveness of their enforcement activities and (2) annual reporting on APPS investigation team workload.
- The Senate plan also requires DOJ assess the health of the DROS Special Account and provide recommendations for ensuring it remains solvent.

- Approve the Assembly's overall plan and the additional reporting requirements approved by the Senate.
- Providing ongoing General Fund support for the APPS investigation teams would ensure that existing funding levels are maintained.
- Requiring DOJ to assess the health of the DROS Special Account and provide recommendations for ensuring it remains solvent would help guide future legislative decisions on appropriate funding levels.