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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Nicholson Bill Status: Senate Business, Labor and Technology

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#### TITLE: CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund		up to \$54,659
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

#### **Summary of Legislation**

This bill repeals language preventing the state from using General Fund moneys to fund the address confidentiality program (ACP).

### **Background**

The ACP was established in 2007. Initially established under the Secretary of State, the program was transferred to the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) in 2011. The program is cash funded from 95 percent of a \$28 surcharge levied against offenders convicted of stalking or offenses for which the underlying basis is domestic violence. The remaining 5 percent of revenues are allocated to the Judicial Branch for administrative purposes. However, by statute, the program is required to serve all qualified victims of stalking, domestic violence, or sexual offenses that apply for the program. As a result, Joint Budget Committee staff projections show that in the future, more people will be eligible to access ACP services than can be supported by the number of offenders required and able to pay the \$28 surcharge.

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## **State Expenditures**

Beginning in FY 2014-15, it is assumed that the ACP program may have insufficient revenues to fund operations at projected levels and up to \$54,659 in General Fund backfill per year may be required. To the extent that this occurs, the fiscal note assumes the DPA will either request additional appropriations during the budget process, or it will be required to manage operations to its appropriation. Senate Bill 13-271 would allow General Fund moneys to be used to prevent a reduction in services.

# **Departments Contacted**

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