



## FISCAL NOTE

### Senate Bill 298

Committee: County and Municipal Government      Sponsor: Senator Will Barfoot

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#### **REVISED**

**Senate Bill 298** as introduced would establish minimum law enforcement staffing levels for Class 3 municipalities which would increase the annual obligations of Class 3 municipalities, by an undetermined amount, beginning October 1, 2026 to: (1) meet the annual staffing requirements provided by this bill, until meeting full compliance by October 1, 2031; (2) reimburse the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) and any other state or local law enforcement agencies for costs incurred to provide supplemental law enforcement officers to Class 3 municipalities that fail to make the required improvements by October 1, 2031; and (3) report annually to ALEA on the annual improvements made and other data required by this bill.

In addition, this bill could increase the administrative obligations of: (1) the Office of Attorney General, to petition the courts for restitution; and (2) ALEA, to adopt rules implementing and administering the provisions of this bill.

The Governor's introduced Budget for FY27 includes \$3.0 million for the Alabama Metro Crime Suppression Unit.

Finally, this bill would have an estimated aggregate fiscal impact of greater than \$50,000 annually on affected local government entities and is subject to the provisions of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.