



# HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 19G.2: Use of Seized and Forfeited Property

2023-2024 General Assembly

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 19G.2 of S.L. 2023-134		

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 19G.2 of S.L. 2023-134 provides direction to the Department of Justice, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Adult Correction about the accounting, use, and reporting of seized and forfeited assets.

*This section of the act became effective July 1, 2023.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 19G.2 of S.L. 2023-134 provides that seized and forfeited assets transferred to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Public Safety (DPS), and Department of Adult Correction (DAC) during the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium pursuant to applicable federal law, must be credited to the budget of the recipient department and must result in an increase of law enforcement resources to that department. DOJ, DPS, and DAC must submit certain listed reports to the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety.

This section further provides that DOJ, DPS, and DAC must obtain prior approval from the General Assembly before using seized and forfeited assets transferred pursuant to federal law for certain listed purposes. The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety must study and report on the impact on State and local law enforcement efforts of the receipt of seized and forfeited assets prior to the convening of the 2024 Regular Session of the 2023 General Assembly.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This section of the act became effective July 1, 2023.

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