

**Committee on Children, Families,
and Elder Affairs**

CS/CS/HB 963 — Funding for Sheriffs

by Appropriations Committee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; and Rep. Hunschofsky and others (CS/SB 1452 by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and Senators Book and Jones)

The bill addresses a sheriff's authority to carry forward state funds. Specifically, the bill:

- Authorizes a sheriff to carry forward documented unexpended state funds from one fiscal year to the next;
- Restricts the cumulative amount of state funds that may be carried forward to no more than 8 percent of the sheriff's office total contract or grant agreement amount;
- Requires any unexpended state funds in excess of the maximum cumulative amount and all federal funds to be returned to the Department of Children and Families (DCF);
- Restricts any funds carried forward from being used to create increased recurring future obligations or for any type of program or service that is not currently authorized by the existing contract or grant award agreement with the DCF;
- Requires the expenditure of funds carried forward to be separately reported to the DCF; and
- Requires a sheriff to return all unexpended funds to the DCF if that sheriff will no longer be providing child protective investigation services.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 120-0