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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3078    Introduced on January 10, 2023  
**Author:** Hixon  
**Subject:** Rural Infrastructure Authority  
**Requestor:** House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Tipton  
**Impact Date:** January 19, 2023

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill repeals §1-11-26 which regulates grant funds administered by the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) to public entities. The misdemeanor penalty for violation of the section is also repealed by this bill.

This bill will have no expenditure impact for RIA, as the authority reports that the bill removes an outdated code section.

Additionally, this bill will have no impact on fines and fees revenue, as RIA indicates there were no fines collected under the outdated code section repealed by the bill.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on January 10, 2023**

**State Expenditure**

This bill repeals §1-11-26 which regulates grant funds administered by RIA to public entities. Under this bill, public entities would no longer be required to hold grant funds separate from any other funds or need authorization to expend funds by the individual who signed the grant application. The bill further eliminates the requirement that RIA’s Division of Local Government furnish a copy of the code section to a grantee when a grant is awarded.

RIA indicates that this bill repeals an outdated code section and will have no expenditure impact for the authority.

**State Revenue**

This bill repeals §1-11-26 including the misdemeanor penalty and a \$5,000 fine for violation of the section. RIA indicates there were no fines collected pursuant to the section repealed by the bill, therefore, this bill will have no revenue impact.

**Local Expenditure & Revenue**

N/A

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