Border Security Federal Refund Act

HB 44

Fiscal Note

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State Government Impact

There would be an indeterminate gain to the General Revenue Fund due to unknown amounts and timing of any payment received from federal agencies. The bill would require the Comptroller to determine the amount of money spent by this state on border security during the previous fiscal biennium and submit an invoice requesting payment of the amount determined to the appropriate federal agency. The Comptroller would determine that amount to be the lesser of the amount spent on border security between September 1, 2001 and December 31, 2025; or $20,000,000,000. The bill would authorize the Attorney General to bring action against the appropriate federal agency if the invoice is not timely paid. Any amounts recovered by the state, either through invoice or legal action, would be deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund. Approximately $14,724,500,000 has been appropriated for border security since the 2008-09 biennium. The extent that some or all of this amount could be requested from federal agencies, and the amount and timing of payments that could be received from these agencies is unknown.

Therefore, the positive impact to the state cannot be determined at this time.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.