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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill increases the maximum annual grant amount from \$30,000 to \$60,000 that the Division of Parks and Watercraft may award for boating safety education programs.
- In FY 2022, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded \$329,378 in grants. These 15 grants ranged from \$3,790 to \$30,000. DNR awarded six grants that were greater than \$28,000.
- The bill designates the month of April as “Powerboat Safety Month” and requires DNR to distribute information about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning that can occur on a powerboat to the public during this month.

Detailed Analysis

Boating safety education program grants

The bill increases the maximum annual grant amount from \$30,000 to \$60,000 that the Division of Parks and Watercraft may award for boating safety education programs. In FY 2022, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded \$329,378 in grants. These 15 grants ranged from \$3,790 to \$30,000. Of those grants, six were greater than \$28,000. Grantees may use the funding for personnel salaries and training, materials, supplies, equipment, and related expenses needed to conduct boating education programs. To receive a grant, entities must provide at least 25% of the total program cost and may do so with cash, in-kind services or contributions, or a combination. Up to 10% of receipts deposited into the Waterways Safety Fund (Fund 7086) may be used for these grants.

Powerboat Safety Month

The bill designates the month of April as “Powerboat Safety Month” and requires DNR to distribute information about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning that can occur on a powerboat during this month. This provision does not require any action on the part of local political subdivisions; thus, there will not be a direct fiscal effect for these entities.