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Honorable Jordan Ridley
State Representative
601-D Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill (LC 46 0695)

Dear Representative Ridley:

The bill would require the Georgia Department of Defense (GDOD) to pay each State Defense Force (SDF) member a per diem of at least \$25 for every day of service in SDF. It would specifically apply to commissioned officers, warrant officers, and other enlisted personnel of SDF.

According to GDOD, the agency’s budget submission includes the number of service days provided by SDF members. The number of days served varies based on how many events occur within a year that require SDF’s response (e.g., major hurricanes). As shown in the table below, the number of days served in FY2022 and FY2023 would have resulted in per diem costs of \$31,400 and \$28,525, respectively. The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted the number of days served in FY2020 and FY2021 days, but a similar emergency could increase their days served and per diem costs in future fiscal years.

	Days Served	Total Per Diem
FY2020	7,829	\$195,725
FY2021	3,302	\$82,550
FY2022	1,256	\$31,400
FY2023	1,141	\$28,525

Respectfully,

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Richard Dunn, Director
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