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LB 993

Revision: 01

# FISCAL NOTE

## LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised to provide new information.

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill makes changes to statutes relating to child advocacy centers and the role of child abuse and neglect investigation teams and treatment teams. The bill expands the case staffings of the treatment teams to include cases where there is no court involvement but the state is providing services and status offenders. The bill also changes the language from requiring county attorneys to develop protocols to being more prescriptive in what the protocols must contain.

The county attorneys are responsible for the investigation and treatment teams. The child advocacy centers assist the county attorneys in facilitating case reviews.

Currently the state funds one coordinator position in each of the seven child advocacy centers across the state. This bill will increase the number of cases that may be reviewed by the treatment teams by adding in the responsibility for the non-court involved cases and status offenders. This will increase the workload of the coordinators. A case coordinator can handle approximately 1,000 cases annually. The centers estimate that in order to conduct all reviews they are authorized to be review; the cost would be \$381,550 annually.

Currently the county attorneys develop their own protocols for referring cases to the investigation teams. This bill is more prescriptive regarding the protocols and will result in more referrals to the investigation team. The investigation teams use the information gathered by the child advocacy centers. The centers anticipate they will serve more children. The cost of increased services is estimated to be \$489,501.

The Legislature will determine the amount of increased funding that will be provided which in turn will determine the increased workload the child advocacy centers can handle.

### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS					
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: The increased costs associated with the implementation of the requirements contained in LB 993 do not necessarily translate into increased costs for DHHS. The impact to DHHS will depend on negotiation between the centers and DHHS, along with funds appropriated by the Legislature.					
LANCASTER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: No basis to disagree with Lancaster County Attorney's Office estimate.					

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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Date Prepared:(4) 1-20-12

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	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$385,000		\$385,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$385,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$385,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The Department of Health and Human Services currently provides funding to the Child Advocacy Centers. The Child Advocacy Centers have estimated that LB 993 will result in an increased cost to the centers of 25%, which would translate into additional funding from the Department of approximately \$385,000 GF.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013	2013-2014
		12-13	13-14	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....					
Operating.....					
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
<b>TOTAL.....</b>				<b>\$385,000</b>	<b>\$385,000</b>

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Lancaster County Attorney's Office

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.  
Explanation of Estimate:

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013	2013-2014
	12-13	13-14	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
N/A				
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			0	0