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# FISCAL NOTE

## LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised to reflect amendments adopted through 4-3-12

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	500,000		500,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	500,000		500,000	

\*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. Additional funding of \$219,000 annually will assist in getting more reviews conducted.

Currently the county attorneys develop their own protocols for referring cases to the investigation teams. This bill is more prescriptive regarding the protocols. The centers anticipate they will serve more children. Additional funding of \$281,000 will assist the centers in serving more children.

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.