

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2017-18		FY 2018-19	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	(\$225,000)		(\$300,000)	
CASH FUNDS	\$225,000	\$270,000	\$300,000	\$360,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	0	\$270,000	0	\$360,000

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to assess a fee of up to \$3.00 for central registry checks. The fee may be waived if it is shown that it is an undue hardship on the requesting party.

Approximately 120,000 child and adult abuse and neglect central registry background checks are conducted annually. It is unknown how many hardship requests would be made and accepted. This fiscal note assumes very few requests will be made and accepted. A fee of \$3.00 would produce revenue of approximately \$360,000 in FY 2018-19 and beyond. The revenue in FY 2017-18, would be \$270,000 for three quarters of the fiscal year. If the fee is set at an amount lower than \$3.00, there would be less revenue. A fee of \$2.50 per check would be adequate to cover the state costs initially, but may need to be adjusted to cover salary, benefits and operating increases in the future.

The fee would be used to offset the costs for six staff assistants and one supervisor who perform the central registry background checks. The majority of the requests are from schools, hospitals, nursing homes, child care centers and child welfare service providers which are required to conduct central registry checks on their employees.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES		
LB: 336	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: DHHS
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COMMENTS: I concur with fiscal impact identified by DHHS. Governor's recommendation for 2017 – 2019 biennium includes the reductions indicated in the DHHS fiscal note.		

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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	<u>FY 2017-2018</u>		<u>FY 2018-2019</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	(\$300,000)		(\$300,000)	
CASH FUNDS	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 0336 gives the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to establish and charge a reasonable fee to recover expenses in carrying out central registry records checks.

The Department of Health and Human Services will offset current expenses by charging a fee of \$2.50 for each Central Registry check. Currently there are 6 staff at a Staff Assistant II classification and one Supervisor conducting central registry checks for agencies such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes, child care centers, child welfare service providers, etc. The annual cost in salary and benefits is approximately \$305,743. Collecting a \$2.50 fee per request, the Department will be able to offset current expenditures by \$300,000.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2017-2018	2018-2019
	17-18	18--19	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$0