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HB-5558

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
INVESTIGATIONS.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Department of Developmental Services	GF - Cost	At least 498,000	At least 498,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	At least 208,000	At least 208,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill results in a cost of at least \$700,000 to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in FY 27 and FY 28. This funding supports seven new positions – including four processing technicians, a paralegal, a staff attorney, and an associate research analyst – to (1) send abuse and neglect investigation reports to all alleged victims' authorized representatives regardless of if the report is requested<sup>2</sup> and (2) publish quarterly, as opposed to annually, the department's report on Abuse and Neglect of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disability.

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

<sup>2</sup> In FY 25, DDS conducted over 4,200 abuse and neglect findings, of which, approximately 100 reports were physically mailed.

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For reference, staff costs are based on the following starting salary and fringe benefit figures: \$78,000 for a Processing Technician (\$55k salary/\$23k fringe), \$106,000 for a Paralegal (\$75k salary/\$31k fringe), \$128,000 for an Associate Research Analyst (\$90k salary/\$38k fringe), and \$160,000 for a Staff Attorney (\$113k salary/\$47k fringe).

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.