

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2544 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Authorizes Department of Human Services to award two-year grants to organizations that provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth and to organizations that operate host home projects for unaccompanied homeless youth.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Human Services (DHS)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2021-23 Biennium</b>	<b>2023-25 Biennium</b>
General Fund	\$4,621,865	\$0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$4,621,865</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Positions	1	0
FTE	0.88	0.00

**Analysis:**

HB 2544 - A appropriates \$4.4 million General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to award as grants.

Half of the funds, or \$2.2 million, are to be awarded as two-year grants to organizations which already have an existing grant with DHS to provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth. Funds are to be used to increase the accessibility of programs and services such as shelter facilities, outreach, culturally specific services, and mental health or substance abuse services; and to create or strengthen partnerships with transitional housing options.

The other \$2.2 million is to be awarded as two-year grants to organizations that operate host home projects for unaccompanied homeless youth. Eligible organizations are those that have a demonstrated ability to establish or expand host home projects. Grant recipients are directed to work with unaccompanied homeless youth to improve school attendance, participate in formal or informal mentoring, and increase access to nutrition, health care, mental trauma-informed support, and transportation services.

DHS is directed to submit reports on the host home project grant program to committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing, homeless youth services, and high school education, by September 15, 2022 and September 15, 2023. This measure takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die, and the grant programs sunset on June 30, 2023.

There is no language in this measure that allows DHS to use grant fund monies for administration of the grant program. It is assumed that an additional appropriation will need to be provided for this purpose. If this is the

case, then DHS anticipates that in addition to the \$4.4 million General Fund appropriated under this measure, there will be costs of \$221,865 General Fund to hire a full-time, limited-duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (0.88 FTE in 2021-23). This position will develop and implement the host home project grant program, monitor and evaluate grant outcomes and expenditures, and provide technical assistance to grantees, program staff, and other stakeholders.