FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Requires operators, employees and certain volunteers of preschool recorded programs and school-age recorded programs to be enrolled in Central Background Registry.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund	\$1,224,850	\$1,462,916
Total Funds	\$1,224,850	\$1,462,916
Positions	10	7
FTE	3.80	7.00

Analysis: The measure requires the Office of Child Care (OCC) to enroll a new group of subject individuals within the Central Background Registry (CRB), clarifies OCC's authority with respect to complaints-based investigations of recorded programs, provides timelines and requirements for registration in the CRB, and clarifies which secure transport providers are exempt from regulation.

The Early Learning Division (ELD) estimates they will need the following positions to enroll the staff and volunteers of preschool and school-age recorded programs in the Central Background Registry at no cost to the program or to the individual undergoing the background check: :

- Four Administrative Specialist 1 positions (1.52 FTE), to process and make decisions on applications for enrollment in the Criminal Background Registry.
- Three Office Specialist 2 positions (1.14 FTE), to receive and begin Criminal Background applications.
- One Compliance Specialist 3 position (0.38 FTE), for decision-making concerning applicants that have some negative history in their background check. The level of complexity of the negative history will dictate which Compliance Specialist will take the application.
- One Compliance Specialist 2 (0.38 FTE)

One Compliance Specialist 1 (0.38 FTE)

Two Administrative Specialist 1 positions and one Office Specialist 2 position are limited duration and will not be continued into the 2023-25 biennium. Totals are10 positions (3.80 FTE) in 2021-23 and 7 positions (7.00 FTE) in 2023-25. In addition, ELD will need \$188,000 in 2021-23 and \$285,475 in 2023-25 for services and supplies and Attorney General costs, \$465,600 General Fund in 2021-23 to cover the costs of approximately 5,820 background checks for individuals subject to background checks, and \$81,520 General Fund for 1,019 background checks in 2023-25.

The Department of Human Services anticipates that any additional background checks can be conducted with current resources and the fiscal impact to the agency is minimal.