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**Bill Title:** Relating to child abuse; declaring an emergency.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Department of Justice

**Summary of Fiscal Impact**

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Justice	\$ 7,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000,000	1	0.63
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ 7,000,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,000,000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.63</b>

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Justice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1	0.25
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.25</b>

- The fiscal impact identified in the table for the Department of Justice does not include duplicate Other Funds expenditure limitation for necessary administrative costs and grant funding.

**Measure Description**

The measure establishes the Children’s Advocacy Center Fund and requires monies in the fund to be continuously appropriated to the Department of Justice (DOJ). The measure requires DOJ to develop and maintain sufficient children’s advocacy centers (CACs) and regional CACs, and allows interest earned be credited to the fund.

In addition, the measure requires DOJ to develop and administer the Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant program. The measure establishes the Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund and allows interest earned be credited to the fund. Monies in the fund are required to be continuously appropriated to DOJ to expand access to services and supports provided by CACs and regional CACs and increase the number of children served in the state. The Department is required to use monies in the fund to pay for allowable administrative expenses related to the grant program.

The measure provides a one-time \$7 million General Fund appropriation for deposit into the Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund and requires the monies to be used as follows:

- (a) 50% in non-competitive grants: equal shares to be distributed to each CAC providing service on the effective date of the measure; any undistributed monies from the initial 50% distribution are to be distributed to the non-profit Oregon Child Abuse Solutions for assisting CACs with accreditation.
- (b) 50% in competitive grants (awarded no later than June 30, 2025): for one-time grants, based on DOJ administrative rule, to only accredited children’s advocacy centers and health care providers and

medical facilities; however, grants for each children’s advocacy centers may not exceed \$300,000, which cumulatively includes: (1) distribution of non-competitive grant; (2) any awarded competitive grant(s); and (3) any amounts provided to health care providers and medical facilities connected to a children’s advocacy center.

The provisions related to the Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant program and Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund are repealed on January 2, 2026.

**Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal impact of the measure on DOJ is \$7 million General Fund and one limited duration position (0.63 FTE) for the 2023-25 biennium and one limited duration position (0.25 FTE) for the 2025-27 biennium if the Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant program extends into the next biennium.

The Department reports that the agency would need one limited duration Program Analyst 3 to develop, distribute and monitor the grant program. The total fiscal impact includes \$6.7 million for grant funding and \$273,966 for total personal services and position-related services and supplies costs. The expectation is that the agency expends all available grant funding by June 30, 2025; however, DOJ may require position authority in the 2025-27 biennium to close out the grant program.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that the Children’s Advocacy Center Fund does not have a defined source of revenue apart from legislative appropriations or allocations. The Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund also does not have a defined source of revenue apart from legislative appropriations. In addition, the Department requires Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$7 million to expend the funds deposited into the Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund for which is not provided in the measure.

**Relevant Dates**

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant program and Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund sunset on January 2, 2026.