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sHB-5314

AN ACT DETERRING FRAUD AND ABUSE PERPETRATED
AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	At least \$5.2 million	At least \$5.2 million
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	At least \$2.2 million	At least \$2.2 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires a 25:1 caseload-to-staff ratio for the Protective Services for the Elderly (PSE) program. Based upon current staffing levels and caseload trends, DSS will incur costs associated with the addition of at least 60 Social Workers and approximately 10 Social Worker Supervisors at a cost of \$5.2 million (with associated fringe costs of \$2.2 million) in FY 23 and FY 24. Depending on caseload trends, DSS could incur additional staffing costs. For context, the salary of an individual Social Worker is \$71,551 and the salary of an individual Social Worker Supervisor is \$89,277.

The bill requires other provisions related to the PSE program that

¹The 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 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

have no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

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

Sources: Department of Social Services Caseload Information