

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCY TASK FORCE.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	100,000	None
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	193,938	93,938
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	83,044	40,224
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	69,251	69,251
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	GF - Potential Cost	29,653	29,653

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill makes various changes on how the state regulates homemaker-companion agencies resulting in the various costs and potential costs described below.

**Section 1** results in a cost of \$100,000 in FY 24 to the Office of Policy and Management to hire one consultant who will develop a plan to transfer homemaker-companion agency registration and oversight responsibilities from the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to the Department of Public Health (DPH) and prepare the required report by February 1, 2024.

<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 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

**Sections 3, 4, and 6** require DCP to develop, implement, and maintain mandatory homemaker-companion agency training for these employees resulting in a cost to DCP and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). To meet the requirements of these sections, DCP will have to hire one State Program Manager for a salary cost of \$93,938 and fringe benefit cost of \$40,224 in both FY 24 and FY 25.

**Section 5** requires DCP to develop a model written contract or service plan detailing the anticipated scope and cost of the services resulting in a cost to DCP and OSC. To meet the requirements of this section DCP will have to hire a durational project manager for up to one year for a salary cost of \$100,000 and fringe benefit cost of \$42,820 in FY 24.

**Sections 3, 5, and 9** add additional homemaker-companion regulatory responsibilities to DCP resulting in a potential cost to DCP and OSC if additional review and auditing of homemaker-companion agencies occur. If additional reviews and audits are necessary, DCP will have to hire one special investigator for a potential salary cost of \$69,251 and potential fringe benefit cost of \$29,653 in both FY 24 and FY 25.

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

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