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**Fiscal Note**

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| <b>Drafting Number:</b> | LLS 24-0106                | <b>Date:</b>           | January 25, 2024  |
| <b>Prime Sponsors:</b>  | Sen. Cutter<br>Rep. Garcia | <b>Bill Status:</b>    | Senate Judiciary  |
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**Bill Topic:** **ATTORNEY GENERAL DUTIES TO PREVENT MIS- & DIS-INFORMATION**

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| <b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue                | <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government        |
|                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund   | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill requires the Attorney General to prevent and combat misinformation and study how it spreads. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2024-25 only.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2024-25, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$150,000 to the Department of Law.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 24-084**

|                             |                      | <b>Budget Year<br/>FY 2024-25</b> | <b>Out Year<br/>FY 2025-26</b> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>              |                      | -                                 | -                              |
| <b>Expenditures</b>         | General Fund         | \$150,000                         | -                              |
| <b>Transfers</b>            |                      | -                                 | -                              |
| <b>Other Budget Impacts</b> | General Fund Reserve | \$22,500                          | -                              |

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires the Attorney General to prevent and combat the sharing and spreading of misinformation through:

- establishing an initiative to encourage respectful discourse;
- development of a curriculum for public use to produce conversations to help people find common ground; and
- collaboration with state organizations to update curriculum materials.

In addition, by March 1, 2025, the Attorney General must report to the General Assembly on these activities and provide legislative recommendations on certain topics relating to misinformation and disinformation. Finally, for FY 2024-25, the bill appropriates \$150,000 to the Department of Law from the General Fund.

## **State Expenditures**

In FY 2024-25 only, the bill will increase state General Fund expenditures by \$150,000 for the Department of Law to contract with a vendor to fulfill the requirements of the bill. In future years, required duties can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## **Other Budget Impacts**

**General Fund reserve.** Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 to the Department of Law.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Law

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).