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Revised Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Pugliese Bill Status: House Second Reading
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Bill Topic: INFORMATION OF PERSON REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue (checkbox)
State Expenditure (checked)
State Transfer (checkbox)
TABOR Refund (checkbox)
Local Government (checked)
Statutory Public Entity (checkbox)

The bill requires that individuals reporting child abuse to a county or the state child abuse hotline system are notified that their call is being recorded and requires the Department of Human Services to convene a working group to analyze the questions used when someone reports child abuse or neglect by phone. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2023-24 only.

Appropriation Summary: The bill requires an appropriation of \$22,050 to the Department of Human Services.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1142

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Budget Year FY 2023-24, and Out Year FY 2024-25. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Federal Funds, Total Expenditures), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

## Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the State Board of Human Services to develop language to be used by the state child abuse hotline systems and county departments to indicate that the call is being recorded. The Department of Human Services must also convene a working group to review the questions asked when a person calls into the child abuse hotline and develop recommendations to standardize the questions by November 15, 2023. The bill specifies the members to be included in the working group.

## State Expenditures

In FY 2023-24 only, the Department of Human Services will require \$22,050 to contract a facilitator for the working group. The facilitator will coordinate meetings, develop materials, and prepare the recommendations of the working group. The fiscal note assumes the working group will require 90 hours of facilitation services at a rate of \$245 per hour. Funding will come from the General Fund and federal funding sources, as shown in Table 1. Workload will also increase in FY 2023-24 only to update language for the child abuse hotline and county departments. This can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## Local Government

Workload for county departments of human services will increase to the extent that caseworkers are required to inform individuals making reports or child abuse or neglect that their call is recorded. Participation on the working group will also increase workload for some counties whose representatives are selected to serve on the working group. Overall, the impact on counties is assumed to be minimal.

## Effective Date

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

## State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$22,050 to the Department of Human Services, of which \$19,184 comes from the General Fund and \$2,866 comes from federal funds.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial  
Information Technology

Counties  
Public Health and Environment

Human Services