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AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A STATE POLICE INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE OF MINORS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	400,106	331,376
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	72,313	72,313

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes an investigative task force within the State Police relating to the online exploitation and sexual abuse of children resulting in a cost of \$472,419 in FY 24 and \$403,689 in FY 25 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).

To meet the requirements of the bill, DESPP will need to hire two fusion center analysts to monitor, analyze and share data regarding any criminal activity under the task force's cognizance, which will cost the agency \$188,876 in FY 24 and FY 25. This will also cost \$72,313 in FY 24 and FY 25 to OSC for associated fringe benefits.

Personnel training and the purchase of forensic computers required

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 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

to implement the task force are expected to result in a one-time cost of \$68,730 in FY 24. Software licenses are anticipated to cost \$142,500 in FY 24 and FY 25.

The bill also requires all law enforcement units, after receiving any information on covered criminal activity, to report it to the investigative task force, which is not anticipated to incur an additional cost to DESPP or municipal police departments.

The Out Years

The bill specifies that the task force will only be established in FY 24 and FY 25, resulting in no fiscal impact beyond FY 25.

Sources: Department of Administrative Services website