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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SB 13

#### ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELDER JUSTICE UNIT AND ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE TO TARGET CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY PERSONS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill establishes, within available appropriations, a statewide elder abuse task force within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's (DESPP) Division of State Police. Similarly, it requires the Chief State's Attorney to establish an elder justice unit in the Division of Criminal Justice. The unit must be available for criminal investigations and prosecutions of criminal activity against elderly persons. The task force must conduct investigations in coordination with the unit.

The bill authorizes the task force to ask for and receive help from any federal, state, and local agencies, to include temporary personnel assignments. The task force also may (1) enter into agreements with other states relating to matters crossing state boundaries and (2) consult with, and exchange information and personnel with, other states' agencies for matters of mutual concern. The DESPP commissioner is authorized to appoint a commanding officer of the task force and other necessary personnel.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14    Nay 0    (03/06/2025)