

# Fiscal Note

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| Bill Version:       | SCS CSHB 49(FIN) |
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Identifier: HB049SCSCS(FIN)AM-DHSS-FP-5-13-2019  
Title: CRIMES; SENTENCING;DRUGS;THEFT;  
REPORTS  
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
Requester: (S) FIN

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Children's Services  
Allocation: Family Preservation  
OMB Component Number: 1628

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

|                        | FY2020<br>Appropriation<br>Requested | Included in<br>Governor's<br>FY2020<br>Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates |            |            |            |            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2020                              | FY 2020  | FY 2021                 | FY 2022    | FY 2023    | FY 2024    | FY 2025    |
| Personal Services      |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Travel                 |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Services               | 73.3                                 |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Commodities            |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Capital Outlay         |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Grants & Benefits      |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Miscellaneous          |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Operating</b> | <b>73.3</b>                          | <b>0.0</b>                                     | <b>0.0</b>              | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

|                     |             |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 73.3        |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>73.3</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

## Positions

|           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Full-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temporary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Change in Revenues

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2019) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2020) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

## Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?

(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No

If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

The Senate Finance committee substitute changes current practices for mandatory reporters. A fiscal note is now necessary and is based on the Governor's February 13, 2019 FY 2020 amended budget request.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

This bill, in multiple sections, expands the communication methods for "online enticement of a minor" and "unlawful exploitation of a minor." In addition, it amends Section 134 of AS 47.17.020(a) to require that mandatory reporters who have reasonable cause to suspect that a child has suffered harm of child abuse or neglect that may be a sexual offense to report to the department and the nearest law enforcement agency. This law changes the current practice where mandatory reporters were required to report any suspicions of child maltreatment (including sexual offenses) only to the department. Currently, the department sends all screened out reports which involve a sexual offense to a child to the applicable law enforcement agency.

The bill would require modifications to the department's mandatory reporter training related to the new requirement that mandatory reporters would need to dual report to both the department and the nearest law enforcement agency in instances where there is suspected child maltreatment that includes a sexual offense, as well as training on the new statutory definition of a sexual offense. The training resides on the Department of Health and Social Services website. The Office of Children's Services would be involved in modifications. The cost to update the training module and ensure readiness for an increase in annual traffic would be \$3.6.

Mandatory reporters of suspected sexual offenses to children would require notification of the broadened communication methods of child enticement and exploitation, the requirement to report child maltreatment that involves a sexual offense to both the department and the nearest law enforcement agency, and be advised that their training must occur annually. The department estimates that television and radio advertising as well as printed materials would be necessary for effective outreach to statewide mandatory reporters. The estimate for outreach is \$62.8 and the estimate for printed materials is \$6.9 for FY2020.

The Office of Children's Services contracts with the department's commissioner's office public information team to manage and promote the mandatory reporting module through a reimbursable services agreement. The Office of Children's Services anticipates the total cost in FY2020 would be \$73.3.

These activities do not meet the criteria to be eligible for Title IV-E reimbursement.