



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

HB0461 – Revise laws related to reporting of child abuse and neglect Sheldon-Galloway, Lola)

**Status:** As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 461 has no fiscal impact to the state.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:****Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)**

1. HB 461 revises laws relating to reporting child abuse and neglect, requires audio recording of reports, requiring certain information to be requested, requiring notification to reporters, and provides a penalty for false reporting. Changes to information requested during a report of child abuse and neglect and notification to reporters will not create a fiscal impact to DPHHS. The department currently records child abuse and neglect reports through the Centralized Intake Bureau.

**Office of the Public Defender (OPD)**

2. Under HB 461, any person that purposely or knowingly makes a false report of suspected child abuse in bad faith or with malicious intent is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject so fines and jail time.
3. All new cases for this crime will be assigned to contracted attorneys at a rate of \$71 per hour as current FTE attorneys are at maximum caseloads.
4. Each case will require 7 hours, resulting in \$497 per case.
5. The OPD is unable to quantify a fiscal impact as data for the new crime does not exist.
6. It is unknown how many bills are seeking to add to the duties of the Office of Public Defender. The fiscal note of each bill is prepared based on the effect of each individual bill. However, when viewed as a package, the cumulative effect of passage of more than one bill would require additional analysis and may require

additional resources. OPD may not be able to absorb the work required to defend individuals based upon this legislation.

*Ma. Sheldon-Galloway*  
Sponsor's Initials

2-23-23

Date

  
Budget Director's Initials

2-22-23

Date