

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains an appropriation of \$1,600,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Attorney General's Office. Although the bill would become effective immediately, the appropriation would become effective on July 1, 2026, for the upcoming biennium.

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATION

Agency #: 015 Agency Name: Attorney General's Office
Unit: ICAC

EXPENDITURE BY SERIES AND YEAR	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
0100 Personnel/Benefit Costs	\$0	\$524,696	\$524,696
0200 Supportive Services Costs	\$0	\$370,143	\$170,465
0400 Central/Data Services Costs	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
 Total Expenditure Per Year:	 \$0	 \$899,839	 \$700,161
 Grand Total Expenditure:	 \$1,600,000		
Total Appropriated to Agency:	\$1,600,000		
Total Appropriated by Fund:			
GENERAL FUND	\$1,600,000		

The Attorney General's Office indicated that the funds will be used to strengthen the existing Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) program by addressing current inefficiencies. The funding will support the addition of two positions—an investigator and an intelligence analyst—along with the equipment and forensic computer software necessary to support the ICAC Task Force's criminal investigations.

These resources will enhance the Office's ability to investigate the growing number of cyber tips, support the forensic acquisition and analysis of increasing volumes of digital evidence in child sexual abuse investigations, and provide additional investigative support to the ICAC team.

Overall, the Attorney General's Office reported that the added resources will improve investigative efficiency, expand enforcement capabilities, and create opportunities to identify and target more offenders.

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