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**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Primavera
Sen. Lambert

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BILL TOPIC: TASK FORCE DIGITAL IMAGES OF CHILD ABUSE NEGLECT

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-19
State Revenue			
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: None.			

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a task force in the Department of Human Services (DHS) to examine the collection and security of digital images of evidence of child abuse and neglect. The task force is required to examine current practices by county departments of human services, best practices and safeguards concerning digital images, the role of law enforcement and medical professionals, and to make recommendations. The task force is to consist of no more than 21 members, including representatives from the DHS, child welfare-related agencies in the Judicial Department, and various persons appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate. Task force members serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses. The DHS is required to provide staff support and office space to the task force as necessary. The task force must submit an initial report to specified state and local officials and committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2017, and a final report by December 1, 2018. The task force is repealed on July 1, 2019.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the DHS for staff to serve on the task force and to provide administrative support to the task force. The Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel, the Office of the Child's Representative, and the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman in the Judicial Department will also have increased workload for staff to participate on the task force. It is assumed this work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

Local government agencies with staff appointed to the task force will have increased workload under the bill. Among the various appointments, the bill specifies that representatives from local law enforcement agencies, county departments of human services, county attorneys, and school districts be appointed to the task force. Any increase in workload is assumed to be minimal and it is assumed that appointments will only be accepted by a local government agency if staff is available to participate.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 8, 2016.

State and Local Government Contacts

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