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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **VIOLENT CRIME VICTIM BRAIN INJURY SCREENING PROGRAM**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates a task force to develop a plan for a pilot program that screen victims of violent crime for brain injuries. It increases state and local expenditures in FY 2022-23 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$65,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-057

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$65,000	-
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$9,750	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill directs the Office for Victims Programs in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to establish a task force to develop a plan for the creation and implementation of a pilot program for identification and screening of victims of violent crimes for symptoms of a brain injury by August 1, 2022. The bill specifies requirements for task force membership and duties. Task force members serve without compensation, except for reimbursement for expenses incurred, and the task force must submit its final plan to the legislature by January 1, 2023.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in DPS by \$65,000 in FY 2022-23 only, and increases workload in other state agencies, as described below.

Department of Public Safety. Expenditures will increase by \$65,000 to hire a consultant to administer the task force and prepare the plan for delivery to the legislature. Costs assume 100 days of work are required at the U.S. Department of Justice rate of \$650 per day. Workload will also increase for a representative of the Office of Victims Programs to participate in the task force, which can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Department of Human Services. Workload will increase to participate in the task force, which can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Governor's Office. The Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions will have a minimal workload increase to facilitate the required appointment under the bill. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve beginning in FY 2022-23. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by \$9,750 in FY 2022-23, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Local Government

Representatives from a district attorney's office, a county sheriff's office, and police chiefs will serve on the task force and experience a minimal workload increase.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$65,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

State and Local Government Contacts

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