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2021-2022 Legislative Session

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium	
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
General Fund	-	148	86	-	-
Total	-	148	86	-	-
Biennial Total			234		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
General Fund	-	1.84	1	-	-
Total	-	1.84	1	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	
General Fund	-	148	86	-	-	-
Total	-	148	86	-	-	-
Biennial Total			234			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
General Fund						
Expenditures	-	159	97	-	-	-
Absorbed Costs	-	(11)	(11)	-	-	-
Total	-	148	86	-	-	-
Biennial Total			234			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
General Fund						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

The bill creates a task force to review the statutes relating to human services background study eligibility and disqualifications. The task force must submit to the legislature an interim report by March 11, 2022 and a final report by December 16, 2022.

The Legislative Task Force on Human Services Background Study Disqualifications will consist of 22 members, including the commissioner of DHS (or designee), commissioner of MDH (or designee), 4 legislators, and 16 members representing specific constituencies. Public members may be eligible for compensation as provided by MS 15.059, Subd. 3. The task force must meet at least monthly with first meeting convening by September 1, 2021. The task force expires upon the submission of the final report or December 20, 2022, whichever is later.

The bill provides for an appropriation in FY22 to the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) for the task force. A FY22 appropriation is also provided to Department of Human Services to furnish relevant data to the task force.

Assumptions

1. The task force will meet monthly within the Capitol complex beginning September 2021 and concluding December 2022. The group will meet ten times in FY22 with five of the meetings occurring during interim. The group will meet six times in FY23 with all meeting being held during interim.
2. Agency task force members will be reimbursed for their expenses from the agency they represent.
3. It is assumed that 12 of the appointed task force members will be considered public members and will be eligible for compensation.
4. Public member meeting costs include the following per member for each meeting: \$55 per diem, \$85 round trip mileage (152 round trip mile average), \$36 meal cost, and \$150 lodging for half of the members.
5. The bill does not provide for payment of per diems or for the reimbursement of expenses of legislative task force members. However, members could request reimbursement for expenses of engaging in legislative activity.
6. Legislative member meeting participation cost include the following per member per interim meeting: per diem (\$86 senators, \$66 representatives), \$85 round trip mileage (152 round trip mile average), and lodging for half of the members (\$150 senators, \$150 representatives).
7. This note does not include any additional cost that non-legislative agencies may incur for interaction with staff and/or

participation in meetings as requested by the task force.

8. Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal Analysis will provide support of a .02 FTE composite of staff time in FY22 and FY23 until the expiration of task force. House Research and Fiscal Analysis will also provide support of a .02 FTE composite of staff time in FY22 and FY23 until the expiration of the task force. The Senate and House staff will follow the task force meetings and help with drafting of proposed legislation for the final report. For this fiscal note we assume existing staff of the Senate and House will be utilized and cost may be absorbed, although that will depend on the priorities of the legislature and staff time required for competing projects. The reassignment of duties of the support staff will need to be made at the expense of other functions of the offices.
9. The LCC will provide a composite of .04 FTE administrative oversight and fiscal support services in FY22 and FY23 and will absorb the associated costs. For this fiscal note we assume existing staff will be utilized and cost may be absorbed, although that will depend on the priorities of the legislature and staff time required for competing projects.
10. This bill requires specialized expertise for the collection and analysis of background study disqualification data and a dedication of time that will need a dedicated temporary staff support. The LCC will hire a limited term analyst to participate in the task force meetings, provide research support, and assist with the drafting of the interim report and final report. The analyst will begin in August 2021. Their employment term will conclude December 2022. They will be a .92 FTE in FY22 (1,920 hours) and a .50 FTE in FY23 (1,044 hours). Compensation cost include FICA and employer contribution for health insurance.
11. Existing legislative office space and equipment will be used for the work area of the task force analyst.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

<u>Member Meeting Participation Cost</u>					
Cost Category	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Senate Member Mtg Participation Cost	0	2,000	3,000	0	0
House Member Mtg Participation Cost	0	2,000	3,000	0	0
Public Member Mtg Participation Cost	0	30,000	17,000	0	0
Total Member Mtg Participation Cost	0	34,000	23,000	0	0
<u>Staff Support</u>					
Cost Category	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Senate Counsel, Research & Fiscal Analysis Staff Support Cost (.02 FTE/40 Hrs FY22 & FY23)	0	3,000	3,000	0	0
House Research & Fiscal Analysis Staff Support Cost (.02 FTE/40 Hrs FY22 & FY23)	0	3,000	3,000	0	0
LCC Administration & Fiscal Support (.04 FTE/80 Hrs FY22 & FY23)	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
Limited Term Task Force Analyst (.92 FTE / 1,920 Hrs in FY22, .50 FTE / 1044 Hrs FY23)	0	112,000	61,000	0	0
Total Staff Support	0	123,000	72,000	0	0
Total Staff Cost Absorbed (Existing Legislative Staff Support)	0	(11,000)	(11,000)	0	0
Net Total Staff Cost	0	112,000	61,000	0	0

<u>Office Operation Cost</u>					
Cost Category	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Task Force Staff Office Operational Cost	0	2,000	2,000	0	0
Total Office Cost	0	2,000	2,000	0	0
<u>Total Cost</u>					
Cost Category	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Task Force Member Mtg Participation Cost	0	34,000	23,000	0	0
Support Staff Cost	0	123,000	72,000	0	0
Task Force Staff Office Cost	0	2,000	2,000	0	0
Total Cost	0	159,000	97,000	0	0
Total Cost Absorbed (Existing Legislative Staff Support)	0	(11,000)	(11,000)	0	0
Net Total Cost	0	148,000	86,000	0	0
FTEs	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
New Total FTEs	0	0.92	0.50	0	0

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Local Fiscal Impact

N/A

References/Sources

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