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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Froelich; Young Sen. Fields; Simpson	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** MANDATORY REPORTERS

<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates a mandatory reporter task force. The bill increases state expenditures from FY 2022-23 through FY 2024-25.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2022-23, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$97,500 to the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1240

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$97,500	\$84,000	\$65,000
Transfers		-	-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$14,625	\$12,600	\$9,750

## Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Mandatory Reporter Task Force in the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman (CPO) to analyze best practices and recommend changes to training requirements and reporting procedures, specifically with regard to the impacts of mandatory reporting on families of color, under-resourced communities and people with disabilities. The task force is made up of 34 members from state agencies, local government, and statewide organizations representing different community groups. The CPO must make appointments to the task force from a diverse range of member backgrounds and geographic locations. To fulfill its duties, the task force must use national best practices and consult with appropriate stakeholders to analyze and make recommendations in a number of areas specified in the bill, including the parameters and funding for a study of mandatory reporting effectiveness; training for mandatory reporters; and reporting requirements and processes, among other things.

The task force must convene by January 1, 2023, and meet at least every two months until it submits a final report to the General Assembly and the Governor. Meetings must be open to the public, and allow for public comments. The task force must submit an initial status report with findings and recommendations by January 1, 2024, and submit its final report by January 1, 2025. Lastly, the bill makes a technical correction to statute amended by HB 22-1295.

## State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the CPO by \$97,500 in FY 2022-23, by \$84,000 in FY 2023-24 and by \$65,000 in FY 2024-25, paid from the General Fund, to create, facilitate and serve as chair of the Mandatory Reporter Task Force. Expenditures are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2**  
**Expenditures Under HB 22-1240**

<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>
<b>Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman</b>			
Task Force Facilitation	\$97,500	\$84,000	\$65,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97,500</b>	<b>\$84,000</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>

**Task force facilitation.** The fiscal note assumes the CPO will hire a contractor to help facilitate the task force, at the rates shown in Table 2. The contractor will be responsible for coordinating and facilitating task force meetings; assisting with communications; developing and distributing materials in advance of meetings; preparing agendas and other administrative services; securing experts and stakeholders; developing and facilitating work groups; assisting with production and publication of reports; and helping with implementation of the task force's final recommendations. Costs in FY 2022-23 reflect an August 1<sup>st</sup> start date and costs in FY 2024-25 assume a February 28<sup>th</sup> end date.

**CPO reporting and outreach.** The CPO received 0.5 FTE in the FY 2022-23 Long Bill for a public information officer, which will absorb much of the outreach and reporting requirements of the task force as part of their assigned duties.

## **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 the amounts shown in Table 1 above, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 2, 2022, and it took effect on August 9, 2022.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$97,500 to the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman from the General Fund.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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