

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
03/09/2017

Amendment to: HB 1060

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$1,000	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$6,000
Appropriations			\$1,000	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$6,000

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Engrossed HB 1060 relates to criminal background checks requested by the Department of Commerce for volunteers providing services through the department & criminal background checks requested by the state court for guardians ad litem.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

This bill requires the Bureau of Criminal Investigation to process background checks requested by the Department of Commerce for volunteers providing services through the department. For the 2017-19 biennium it is anticipated up to 150 volunteers would need background checks for a total cost of \$6,000 (150 x \$40.00 rate for check). It is anticipated that the amount needed would remain the same for the 2019-21 biennium.

This bill requires the court administrator (ND Court System) to provide criminal background checks for guardians ad litem. For the 2017-19 biennium it is anticipated up to 25 guardians ad litem would need background checks for a total cost of \$1,000 (25 x \$40.00 rate for check). It is anticipated that the amount needed would remain the same for the 2019-21 biennium.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

In both the 2017-19 and 2019-21 biennium the Department of Commerce Services would incur additional federal fund expenditures of \$6,000 to process 150 volunteer background checks at a rate of \$40 each.

In both the 17-19 and 19-21 biennium the ND Court System would incur additional general fund operating expenditures of \$1,000 to process 25 guardians ad litem background checks at a rate of \$40 each.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

Federal funds available for the AmeriCorps program would be used to pay for the background checks for volunteers associated with the program. This is anticipated to be up to \$6,000 for the 2017-19 and 2019-21 bienniums.

For the 2017-19 biennium the ND Court System would need an appropriation increase of \$1,000, of which all is general fund, to the base level budget (SB 2002). For the 2019-21 biennium an appropriation increase of \$1,000, of which all is general fund, would be needed.

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