FISCAL NOTE Requested by Legislative Council 01/10/2019

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1262

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.

	2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$288,706	\$0	\$297,472	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$288,706	\$0	\$297,472	\$0

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

	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 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).

This bill establishes a statewide school safety and crisis hotline program in the Office of Attorney General.

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.

Section 1 of the bill requires the Office of Attorney General to establish and administer a statewide program for receiving reports and other information related to school and student safety, including potential self-harm and potential harm or criminal acts directed at students, school employees, or schools.

- 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.

N/A

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 order to provide oversight for the program the Office of Attorney General will need \$288,706 for the 2019-21 biennium and \$297,472 for the 2021-23 biennium from the general fund for a criminal investigator.

The Office of Attorney General would likely contract with regional Department of Human Services centers. According to the Department of Human Services it would cost about \$2,800 per incident when their counseling services are provided.

Although other expenses related to the program are anticipated, the Office is unable to provide a reasonable estimate due to the inability to estimate the number of such incidents in a biennium.

Project StandUp is a South Dakota program which provides for anonymous text messages to a system which sends the information directly to school officials and local law enforcement. If North Dakota looks to use this system, the additional component(s) to the system are estimated to cost \$30,000. Private funding may be available to pay this cost, however it is not guaranteed.

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.

In order to provide oversight for the program the Office of Attorney General will need \$288,706 for the 2019-21 biennium and \$297,472 for the 2021-23 biennium from the general fund for a criminal investigator.

The Office of Attorney General would likely contract with regional Department of Human Services centers. According to the Department of Human Services it would cost about \$2,800 per incident when their counseling services are provided.

Although other expenses related to the program are anticipated, the Office is unable to provide a reasonable estimate due to the inability to estimate the number of such incidents in a biennium.

Project StandUp is a South Dakota program which provides for anonymous text messages to a system which sends the information directly to school officials and local law enforcement. If North Dakota looks to use this system, the additional component(s) to the system are estimated to cost \$30,000. Private funding may be available to pay this cost, however it is not guaranteed.

Neither the current budget or the executive recommendation included funding for this program.

Name: Kathy Roll Agency: Office of Attorney General Telephone: 7013283622 Date Prepared: 01/15/2019