

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
03/28/2017

Amendment to: SB 2189

- 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				\$0		\$0
Expenditures				\$0		\$0
Appropriations				\$0		\$0

- 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).*

This bill provides that, beginning April 1st of the last year of the biennium, the Office of Attorney General shall, subject to legislative appropriations, reimburse each accredited children's advocacy center for un-reimbursed forensic interviews.

- 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.*

There are three children's advocacy centers (CAC's) in North Dakota. Approximately 600 of the 2,000 forensic interviews the CAC's conduct in a biennium are not reimbursed. The cost of a forensic interview is \$360.

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.*

The estimated cost of reimbursing all un-reimbursed forensic interviews is \$216,000. The bill clarifies un-reimbursed as that is not reimbursable by insurance, medicaid, or crime victims compensation.

The Office of Attorney General receives a \$660,000 appropriation for reimbursing entities for forensic medical exams. In the previous three biennia the Office has reimbursed up to \$425,000 for a biennium. As a result the \$216,000 in estimated reimbursement of non-covered forensic interviews fits within the \$660,000 appropriated for forensic medical exams. This assumes the reimbursement costs for forensic medical exams and for forensic interviews do not change.

The amendments which indicate the Children's Advocacy Center is not precluded from allowing a parent/guardian from discussing and accessing the records and digital media have no fiscal impact.

- 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.*

The Executive budget included \$660,000 from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund for forensic medical exams.

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