

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/20/2021

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1354

- 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.*

	2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium		2023-2025 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 Biennium	2023-2025 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 new state agency called the Commission on Guardianship, creates a 10-member commission, and requires the appointment of an agency director.

- 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.*

Although the bill does not specifically authorize payment to commissioners, it is assumed 8 of the 10 members would likely not be state employees and would receive a per diem reimbursement at the rates applicable to legislators attending interim committee meetings pursuant to NDCC 54-03-20. The fiscal note assumes monthly meetings of the commission. No assumption is made regarding travel expenses and they are not included. The executive director salary and other operating costs reflect the 2021-23 recommended appropriation for the Ethics Commission, used as a reasonable estimation of the costs that would be incurred to establish a new state commission with a paid director.

Salaries and benefits: \$336,000
 Agency operating expenses: \$65,000
 Agency per diem expenses: \$36,000

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.*

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- 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.*

Funding is assumed to be from the state general fund. New Section 54-67-05 provides a continuing appropriation of funding available in the proposed guardianship fund. It is not possible to determine what funding may be available in this fund.

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