



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

SB0163 - Establish volunteer program in child protective services (Lenz, Dennis R)

Status: As Amended in Senate Committee

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact: SB 163 as amended establishes a volunteer program within the Department of Public Health and Human Services to support child protective services activities including the establishment of a registration portal for volunteers interested in supporting child protective services (CPS) activities, including those related to child abuse and neglect prevention, family support, and reunification. Amendments to SB 163 direct this work to be coordinated through the department's existing office of faith and community-based services.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Technology Services Division

1. Section 1 (2)(a) as amended requires the department establish a registration portal for volunteers interested in supporting Child Protective Services activities, including those related to child abuse and neglect prevention, family support and reunification. The department anticipates adding some functionality to the existing email registry already established for the faith and community based services program to serve as this portal. These modifications can be made by existing staff without impacting the completion of other assigned work, and would therefore not result in a fiscal impact to the department.
2. Section 1 (2)(b) as amended requires the department to establish a process for referring potential volunteers to the faith and community based organizations offering volunteer opportunities that support the child protection services through the office of faith and community based services. This office is already established within the department, and the purpose of the office is to act as a conduit between the department and faith and community based organizations across Montana.

Child and Family Services Division

- 3. Section 1(2) requires that the department establish a volunteer program via Administrative Rule. The costs related to rulemaking is negligible and will be absorbed into the department’s existing operational budget.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

2/3/23
Date



Budget Director's Initials

2-2-23
Date