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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELDER JUSTICE UNIT AND ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE TO TARGET CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY PERSONS.

### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	96,967 - 290,900	124,289 - 372,867
Criminal Justice, Div.	GF - Cost	560,907	701,209
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	277,102 - 357,675	369,469 - 476,900

Note: GF=General Fund

#### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Municipal Police Departments	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

### ***Explanation***

The bill requires (1) the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) to establish an elder justice unit and (2) the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to establish an elder abuse task force, resulting in a total cost to the General Fund ranging from \$934,975 to \$1,209,482 in FY 26 and \$1,194,967 to \$1,550,976 in FY 27. The bill also results in a potential cost to municipal police departments to the extent

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

that they commit officers to the elder abuse task force.

Establishing an elder justice unit results in a cost of \$560,907 in FY 26 and \$701,209 in FY 27 to DCJ and \$236,815 in FY 26 and \$315,753 in FY 27 to the State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits.

DCJ will need eight new positions to establish an elder justice unit for an estimated cost of \$516,907 in FY 26 and \$689,209<sup>2</sup> for salaries in FY 27. In FY 26, there will be an approximate one-time cost of \$32,000 for office furniture, equipment, and training; an additional annual cost of about \$12,000 in other expenses is needed to support the activities of the new unit.

Establishing an elder abuse task force results in a cost of \$96,967 to \$290,900 in FY 26 and \$124,289 to \$372,867 in FY 27 to DESPP and \$40,287 to \$120,860 in FY 26 and \$53,716 to \$161,147 in FY 27 to the State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits.

DESPP will need to hire one to three Troopers First Class to staff the task force. The annual cost for equipment and vehicles is expected to be \$15,000 per trooper.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the exact size and caseload of these units and inflation.

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<sup>2</sup> These amounts include the following positions and annual salaries: 2 Deputy Assistant State's Attorneys \$93,275; 5 Inspectors \$83,355; and 1 Forensic Fraud Examiner \$85,884. FY 26's total salary cost is adjusted to reflect partial year implementation.