

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 56th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | SB993 |
| Version: | CS |
| Request Number: | 10405 |
| Author: | Wright |
| Date: | 4/16/2018 |
| Impact: | Estimated \$86,000 expense; \$66K one-time, \$20K ongoing |

Research Analysis

The CS for SB 993 provides that an investigation of allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult be conducted jointly by DHS and law enforcement when feasible. The measure also requires that investigators be suitably trained in interview techniques and conduct investigations at the appropriate developmental age level of the victim.

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Fiscal Analysis

From the Department of Human Services:

SB993 would require additional Adult Protective Services (APS) and Office of Child Advocacy (OCA) staff training. "Investigators shall be suitably trained with demonstrated competency in evidence-informed forensic interviewing techniques utilizing protocols for elderly and incapacitated adults and individuals with intellectual disabilities." Cornerhouse is nationally recognized for forensic interview training for vulnerable adults.

At an approximate cost of \$11,000 per training for 30 trainees from Cornerhouse, for six sessions to train all APS and OCA investigators would be \$86,000. This covers the training and all travel costs for the trainer and trainees. \$66,000 is for one- time costs to allow all staff to be trained in the first year and \$20,000 for subsequent trainings.

The Department agrees that this training is valuable.

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Other Considerations

None.