

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 993</b>
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<b>Request Number:</b>	
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Wright and Sen. Griffin</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Estimated \$86,000 expense; \$66K one-time, \$20K ongoing</b>

**Research Analysis**

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 trained in nationally-recognized forensic 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 a 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**

At this time, there are no in state providers that offer this specialized training required by this bill. The in state programs are child victim focused.