

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1275</b>
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<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>5091</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Year1: \$1.3M; \$1.3M thereafter</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 1275 creates a Child Safety Registry within DHS that will contain records of all substantiated allegations of child abuse, exploitation or neglect made on or after July 1, 2021. The department is required to adopt rules to implement the registry and to encourage cooperation with other states in an effort to create a national registration system. The measure establishes certain criteria for an individual's name to be placed on the registry, including that the allegations of heinous and shocking abuse or neglect were substantiated and that an internal Central Registry Review committee confirmed that the individual's name should be placed on the registry.

The measure provides a process by which an individual's name can be removed from the registry and stipulates that information contained therein is confidential and can only be disclosed to an employer or volunteer agency for purposes of a screening process. Finally, the bill directs the department to adopt rules under which it may disclose information relating to substantiated reports of abuse obtained from the registry to certain persons and entities.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

In order to support the requirements of this bill additional staff will be required. The total cost of the first year will be \$1,374,397. The state share is 100% of the total cost as the nature of this work does not meet criteria for federal matching opportunities. After the initial cost of adding staff is eliminated, the ongoing annual cost will be \$1,343,233 at 100% state.

This calculation includes the salaries, benefits, and other associated costs with creating new positions which would be required to support the elements of this bill.

Additional costs cannot be estimated but would include at a minimum:

- The purchase or lease of a database, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety.

Potentially significant staffing costs to maintain a system

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**Other Considerations**

Implementation would require significant coordination between DHS and the Department of Public Safety to minimize cost and duplication of effort and to insure the ongoing integrity of a shared data system.

