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EXECUTIVE AGENCY

FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 29, 2023

Agency Submitting: Office of the Attorney General

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Transfer from HHS (Revenue)		$1,612,425	$2,030,711	$4,061,422
Personnel (Expense)		$1,403,113	$1,885,653	$3,771,306
Travel (Expense)		$34,365	$45,820	$91,640
Operating (Expense)		$120,103	$86,962	$173,924
Information Services (Expense)		$54,844	$12,276	$24,552
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The agency has reviewed the bill and determined there would be a fiscal impact, if approved.
Section 1.f.1 authorizes a transfer of funds from the Department of Health and Human Services. This section sets aside $5M each year to first be provided to the Attorney General for Tobacco Program activities.
Section 13.1 increases the frequency of required inspections from once every three years to be done every year. Current staff in the Tobacco program were established to cover inspections every three years. To accommodate the increase to annual inspection requirements, the agency would have to triple current staffing levels, and provide additional staff for supervisory oversight due to the total number of staff needed to carry out annual inspections.
This fiscal note represents staffing and associated operating costs for 24 additional positions, which represent 18 full-time equivalent staff. These positions consist of 2 - Deputy Attorneys General; 2 - Senior Deputy Attorneys General; 1 - Investigator Supervisor; 4 - Criminal Investigators 2; 2 - Compliance Investigators; 1 - Supervising Legal Secretary; 2 - Legal Secretarys 2; 2 - Administrative Assistants 2; and 8 - Temporary Aids. The Temporary Aids are each 0.25 part-time positions, intended to be filled with minors who participate in inspections of businesses for compliance with prohibition on sales of Tobacco and Tobacco related products to underage persons.

Name Jessica Hoban

Title Chief Financial Officer

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

Date Wednesday, March 22, 2023

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Name Amy Stephenson

Title Director