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Identifier: HB43-DFCS-OCS-FP-01-26-2023
Title: CONVERSION THERAPY PROHIBITIONS
Sponsor: HANNAN
Requester: (H)Health and Social Services

Department: Department of Family and Community Services
Appropriation: Children's Services
Allocation: Family Preservation
OMB Component Number: 3312

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2024 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2024 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	73.3						
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	73.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	73.3						
Total	73.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? 0
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? NA

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial Version

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill would prohibit the use of conversion therapy as a treatment for individuals under the age of 18 and vulnerable adults, as well as allow for disciplinary action to be taken by the licensing board of the practitioner who is utilizing conversion therapy as a treatment, and requires that mandatory reporters make a report of harm if a practitioner is known or suspected of utilizing conversion therapy as treatment.

The bill amends AS 47.17.024 to include a provision that mandatory reporters under AS 47.17.020 file a report of harm if a mandated reporter suspects or has knowledge of a practitioner of the healing arts licensed under AS 08 utilizing conversion therapy as a treatment. This law broadens the reporting requirements of mandatory reporters by adding this type of maltreatment.

The bill would require modifications to the department's mandatory reporter training (under AS 47.17.022) related to the new requirement that mandatory reporters would need to file a report of harm with the department if the mandatory reporters suspects of receives a report of harm arising from the violation of the new subsection that prohibits utilizing conversion therapy as a treatment. Training regarding the new requirement would be necessary both to ensure that mandatory reporters had knowledge of the new requirement and understood how to recognize when conversion therapy was being utilized as treatment. The cost to update the training module and ensure readiness for an increase in annual traffic would be \$3.6.

Mandatory reporters will need to be notified of new reporting requirement. The department estimates that advertising as well as targeted printed materials would be necessary for effective outreach to all mandatory reporters. The estimate for advertising is \$62.8 and the estimate for printed materials is \$6.9 for FY2024.

The Office of Children's Services contracts with the department's commissioner's office public information team to manage and promote the mandatory reporting module through a reimbursable services agreement. The Office of Children's Services anticipates the total cost in FY2024 would be \$73.3.

These activities do not meet the criteria to be eligible for federal Title IV-E reimbursement.