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132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 85, L.D. 152, "An Act to Amend the 10 Freedom of Access Act to Require a Specific Time Frame for Agencies to Comply with 11 Requests for Public Records"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

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'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

16 Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718

Initiative: Establishes 2 Public Service Coordinator I positions to provide support for
Freedom of Access Act requests and administrative appeals hearing coordination,
documentation aggregation and legal communications.

20	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
21	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
22	Personal Services	\$234,738	\$253,258
23	All Other	\$11,138	\$11,138
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25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$245,876	\$264,396

26 Purchases - Division of 0007

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Purchases - Division of 0007

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Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to reimburse the Department of the Attorney General for one Assistant Attorney General position and related costs.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2025-26 \$148,889	2026-27 \$160,156
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$148,889	\$160,156
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	, ,	1. W.C.
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$640,641	\$688,948
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$640,641	\$688,948

16 ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

17 Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Provides funding for one Assistant Attorney General position and related costs to support the Department of Administrative and Financial Services with Freedom of Access Act requests.

21 22 23 24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT Personal Services All Other	2025-26 1.000 \$134,955 \$13,934	2026-27 1.000 \$145,962 \$14,194
25 26 27	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$148,889	\$160,156
28	ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE		
29 30	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
31 32	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$148,889	\$160,156
33 34	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$148,889	\$160,156
35 36	SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
37	GENERAL FUND	\$640,641	\$688,948
38 39	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$148,889	\$160,156
40	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$789,530	\$849,104
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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

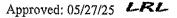
This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section. The amendment appropriates funding to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services both to establish 4 Public Service Coordinator I positions and to reimburse the Department of the Attorney General for one Assistant Attorney General position for purposes of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services' compliance with the requirements of the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act to Require a Specific Time Frame for Agencies to Comply with Requests for Public Records

> Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A" (H-558) Committee: Judiciary Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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	Fiscal Note			•
Net Cost (Savings)	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
General Fund	\$640,641	\$688,948	\$714,397	\$740,835
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$640,641	\$688,948	\$714,397	\$740,835
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$148,889	\$160,156	\$165,849	\$171,763
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$148,889	\$160;156	\$165,849	\$171,763

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) of \$640,641 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$688,948 in fiscal year 2026-27 to establish 4 Public Service Coordinator I positions to provide support for Freedom of Access Act requests and administrative appeals hearing coordination, documentation aggregation and legal communications, and to transfer funding to reimburse the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for one Assistant Attorney General position and related costs.

The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to the OAG of \$148,889 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$160,156 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Assistant Attorney General position and related costs to support DAFS with Freedom of Access Act requests.

The bill includes a revenue increase to the OAG of \$148,889 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$160,156 in fiscal year 2026-27 for reimbursement of costs for one Assistant Attorney General position and related costs from DAFS.

The bill increases costs to all State agencies by amending the Freedom of Access Act to require agencies and officir to make good faith efforts to fully respond to requests within the estimated time frames but must fully respond with. 30 days after the dates on which requests were made.