



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2806

PRINTERS NO. 3443

PRIME SPONSOR: Thomas

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 2806, Printer's Number 3443, adds a section to the Human Services Code to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish a COVID-19 Mental Health Public Awareness Campaign. This legislation would be effective immediately upon enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 2806 requires DHS to establish a public awareness campaign regarding the programs and services available for first responders, health care workers, other frontline workers, and their families experiencing mental health issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The public awareness campaign will use a variety of media and will provide information on:

- the link between mental health issues and the COVID-19 pandemic;
- resources for first responders, health care workers, other frontline workers, and their families;
- any telephone helpline established for first responders and health care workers experiencing mental health issues due to their work during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- anxiety-reducing strategies and other methods to manage stress, depression, and other symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** DHS anticipates the public awareness campaign would cost \$1.5 million. The bill directs DHS to use a portion of the \$47.1 million remaining balance in supplemental federal Community Mental Health Services Block Grant funds or other available federal funding to cover the cost of the campaign.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*