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TO: Honorable Suzanna Gratia Hupp, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB990 by Janek (Relating to a training and examination program on sexual abuse and child molestation for certain persons who work at youth camps.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill relates to a training and examination program on sexual abuse and child molestation for certain persons who work at youth camps. The bill would require youth camp employees and volunteers who have contact with campers to have successfully completed a training and examination program on sexual abuse and child molestation every two years. Youth camp operators would be prohibited from employing or accepting volunteer services from individuals who do not meet the requirement.

The bill would allow the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to approve training and examination programs offered by trainers under contract with youth camps or by online training organizations or to approve programs offered in another format authorized by the agency. DSHS would be required to review the approved training and examination programs on sexual abuse and child molestation at least every five years. The bill would also require DSHS to appoint a training advisory committee to advise DSHS and the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission in developing the criteria and guidelines for the training and examination programs mentioned above.

The bill would allow DSHS to assess a fee, in the amount necessary to cover administrative cost, from an individual applying for approval of a training and examination program on sexual abuse and child molestation.

DSHS estimates it would approve an estimated 200 training and examination programs on sexual abuse and child molestation in fiscal year 2006 and 20 programs in each subsequent year. DSHS estimates that a contractor would be hired in 2006 for \$15,000 to review and approve the programs and to provide customer and industry support and set-up of the database and records. DSHS estimates that a modification to the existing Regulatory Automated System would be used to support the database which would cost \$10,000 in 2006. Total costs for 2006 are estimated to be \$25,000. DSHS estimates that charging each program submitted an approval fee of \$125 would generate revenue of \$25,000 in 2006 and \$2,500 in each subsequent year.

Existing agency resources would be utilized to review and approve the additional programs in years 2007 through 2010.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 Department of State Health Services

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