



February 7, 2024

Honorable Kay Kirkpatrick
Chairman, Senate Children and Families
324-A Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
Senate Bill 324 (LC 44 2369)

Dear Chairman Kirkpatrick:

This bill would provide for a victim centered address confidentiality program within the Office of the Secretary of State. The program includes the application process, the designations of confidential addresses, the certification of program participants, provisions for training, and other related matters. Applicants must provide an affidavit affirming that the disclosure of their address will increase their risk of harm or that they have been a victim of domestic or dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.

As shown in **Table 1**, the bill would have a first-year cost of \$686,925. The amount includes \$400,000 one-time costs and \$287,000 in recurring costs. Additional information about the expenditure categories is below the table.

Table 1: Projected First-Year Cost of SB 324

Category	One-Time Cost	Annual Cost
Staffing		\$186,200
IT System	\$400,000	\$50,000
Mail		\$50,000
Miscellaneous		\$725
Total	\$400,000	\$286,925

- *Staffing* – The program is estimated to need 2.5 FTEs. The new staff would manage the application process, manage training and certification of victim advocates, process mail, manage vendors, coordinate with internal and external partners, and answer calls.
- *IT System* – SOS reported the need for an information system for the program. This includes one-time costs for software development, as well as annual licensing costs.
- *Mail* – Postage costs will change depending on the number of participants and the varying costs of mail; the number provided is an estimated cost.
- *Miscellaneous* – The program would have a number of miscellaneous costs, such as phone services and printing costs. The category also includes \$200 for 500 program participant cards, but the amount will vary depending on the number of participants.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Greg S. Griffin in blue ink.

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

Handwritten signature of Richard Dunn in blue ink.

Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

GSG/RD/ew