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Honorable Marvin Lim
State Representative
611-B Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill (LC 58 0004)

Dear Representative Lim:

The bill would require the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish a two-year pilot program for home visits to families with asthma-afflicted children. The bill is intended to help families identify and reduce exposure to asthma triggers in the home. DPH would establish training requirements and supervision of home visitors, assess and document home environments, and conduct ongoing evaluations. The bill also specifies that DPH will submit an annual detailed report on the effectiveness of the program with recommendations to expand or continue the pilot program based on effectiveness.

Data from DPH indicates that the bill’s pilot program would cost approximately \$575,000 in year one, and slightly less in year two.

Table 1: Two-Year Projected Fiscal Impact

	<u>Year One</u>	<u>Year Two</u>
Personnel	\$373,135	\$373,135
Regular Operating	\$110,416	\$106,858
Contracts	\$80,000	\$30,000
Information Technology	\$11,450	\$11,450
Total	\$575,001	\$521,443

The two-year cost estimate is based on the following:

- *Personnel* – A program manager and three health educator positions are required for each year of the pilot program, with salaries and fringe benefits for each position. The three health education positions would be based in counties with a particularly high number of emergency room visits by children ages 0-17 with asthma.
- *Regular Operating* – Household incentives, travel, training, and home visiting equipment are required for operation of the pilot program in the first year. The home visiting equipment is a one-time cost not required in year two. The incentives for households to participate represent approximately \$80,000 of the regular operating expenses and include items such as hypo-allergenic mattress covers and pillowcases and HVAC air filters

- *Contracts* – Three contracts are necessary in the pilot program’s first year for evaluation and reporting, electronic system updates, and educational material. In the second year of the pilot program, only the evaluation and reporting contract is required.
- *Information Technology* – Email boxes, leased tablets, cell phones, and hotspots are required for staff for each year of the pilot program.

Respectfully,



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