



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 214
SPONSOR: Representative Lynn
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 RELATING TO FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONERS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2024, upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act increases the number of statewide Family Court Commissioners from five to seven.
3. Each additional Family Court Commissioner requires support staff to manage their courtroom effectively. An additional FTE Court Security Officer and FTE Judicial Case Manager II would be necessary for each Commissioner.
4. The estimated Fiscal Year 2025 personnel costs, including OECs at a rate of 32.25%, for 2.0 FTE, Commissioner – Family Court; 2.0 FTE, Court Security Officer; and 2.0 FTE, Judicial Case Manager II are estimated at \$391,856, and one-time funding of \$44,200 for projected technology equipment, furniture, uniforms, and other startup costs associated with the new positions. An additional annual cost of \$7,200 is estimated for mileage, contractual service, and supplies and materials expenses associated with the new positions.
5. Lastly, all Fiscal Year 2025 personnel costs have been estimated for six months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining six months incorporated into the subsequent year estimate as it is assumed the nomination and confirmation process may take several months. Additionally, a 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary, health insurance, and OECs.

Cost:

	<u>One-Time</u>	<u>Recurring/Operating</u>
Fiscal Year 2024:	Not in Effect	Not in Effect
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$44,200	\$399,056
Fiscal Year 2026:		\$673,365

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