152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Gay**
DESCRIPTION:	**DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF CHILD CARE LICENSING AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MODERNIZE THE CHILD CARE LICENSING SYSTEM.**

Assumptions:

1. This Resolution directs the Office of Child Care Licensing (OCCL) to adopt an electronic record and filing system to modernize the State's child care system.

2. This Resolution requires that the OCCL submit a final report by January 31, 2025 outlining their plan to implement an electronic record and filing system by June 1, 2026.

3. Per the Department of Education, costs for the development, implementation, and maintenance of an online module style caseload management system for child care licensing are difficult to estimate until a formal request for proposal is completed. However, based on a comparison of similar projects, one-time startup costs are estimated to be between $1,500,000 - $3,500,000.

4. The Department of Education also estimates the need for annual maintenance, support, and software licenses associated with the new system. These costs are difficult to estimate until the system is in place, but are projected to be not less than $200,000 annually.

5. Per the Department of Education, Federal funding may be available to offset some of the costs of developing this system, but these funds would not cover all the associated costs, and the actual amount is unknown. Additionally, utilization of Federal funds for this project may be subject to Federal approval.

6. Additional costs may be incurred for training related to the new system. Because system specifications are unknown, additional training costs are indeterminable.

Cost:

	Ongoing Costs	**One-Time Costs**
Fiscal Year 2025:	$0	$0
Fiscal Year 2026:	Minimum of $200,000	$1,500,000-$3,500,000
Fiscal Year 2027:	Minimum of $200,000	$0

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