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Fiscal Analysis

HB 4210 creates the Human Trafficking Response Unit within the Office of the Attorney General and requires the OAG to maintain data related to human trafficking and assist stakeholders providing support services to victims of human trafficking.

There may be opportunities for the OAG to partner with other state agencies and access federal grants to carry out some of the provisions of HB 4210 and reduce the overall fiscal impact. For example:

- OSBI's State Incident-Based Reporting System (SIBRS) already collects data for human trafficking offenses reported by local law enforcement. SIBRS is currently utilized by over 442 law enforcement agencies, including several state agencies
- The Victims Services Unit at the OAG partners with various state and local agencies to provide resources and technical assistance to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking programs through Family Violence Prevention Services Act funds and other available funds. The unit also provides training and resource development to all of its state and local partners

OAG estimates a need for a minimum of 5 FTE in the first year to get the HTRU up and running. This includes 1 attorney, 2 investigative agents, and 1 legal assistant. The total salary/benefits cost for these positions is \$420,000.

Another new and similarly staffed division at OAG had an annual budget of approximately \$2.4 million for its first year in operation. It is likely the HTRU will require comparable funding for its first year in operation as well. Additional appropriations may be needed in future fiscal years depending on the volume and scale of human trafficking investigations and disposition of cases.

FY'23 Impact: \$2.4 million

Full Year Impact: Depends on investigations and case volume

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