

# Fiscal Impact Statement Prepared By New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget



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**Proposed Intro No. / Title:** *Int. 1175 / Civil legal services for domestic violence survivors in divorce proceedings*

**Sponsors:** Menin, Fariás, De La Rosa, Ariola, Schulman, Lee, Louis, Restler, Brannan, Ayala, Ung, Banks

**Committee:** General Welfare

**Summary of Legislation:** Requires that the Department for Social Services (DSS) develop a program to provide full legal representation to domestic violence (DV) survivors who are involved in divorce proceedings, subject to appropriation. "Full Legal Representation" is defined in the bill as ongoing legal representation provided by a designated organization, including all legal advice, advocacy, and assistance associated with such representation. The legislation further requires an annual report on the DV survivor legal services program and must include information on the number of applicants, number of people served, and reasons why an applicant may not have been provided services.

**Effective Date:** Immediately upon enactment

**First Fiscal Year Legislation Takes Effect:** Fiscal Year 2026

**First Fiscal Year with Full Impact:** Fiscal Year 2026

**Agencies Impacted:** Department for Social Services, Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence

## Fiscal Impact Analysis

### A. Total Impact (Expense and Revenue)

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expense	(\$12,700,000)	(\$12,700,000)	(\$12,700,000)	(\$12,700,000)	(\$50,800,000)
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total	(\$12,700,000)	(\$12,700,000)	(\$12,700,000)	(\$12,700,000)	(\$50,800,000)

### B. Expense

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	(\$12,700,000)	(\$12,700,000)	(\$12,700,000)	(\$12,700,000)	(\$50,800,000)

#### **Impact on Expenditures (Expense):**

It is anticipated that DSS would require \$12,700,000 in annual Other Than Personal Services resources to contract with legal services providers to implement the legislation. Note that the lack of specific data on domestic violence survivors who are engaged in divorce proceedings makes it challenging to assess the costs of a program providing full legal representation. Current supports for DV survivors are provided at Family Justice Centers and contracted providers and may include legal support as well. As such, the estimations of the LL 5 of 2022 workgroup, including the Office to End Gender-Based and Domestic Violence, which considered a pilot to provide legal services to DV survivors in divorce proceedings, were utilized to develop this estimate.

### C. Revenue

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Impact on Revenue:**

There is no anticipated impact on revenue.

### D. Capital

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Impact on Expenditures (Capital):**

There is no anticipated impact on capital expenditures.