

# **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-A / Civil legal services for income-eligible 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:** This legislation requires that the Department for Social Services (DSS) develop a program to provide full legal representation to domestic violence (DV) survivors whose annual gross household income does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty level and who are involved in matrimonial proceedings. The legislation further requires an annual report on the DV survivor legal services program which must include information on the number of applicants, number of people served, and reasoning as to why an applicant may not have been provided services.

**Effective Date:** 180 days after enactment

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

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

**Agencies Impacted:** Human Resources Administration, Office to End Gender- and Domestic-Based Violence,

## **Fiscal Impact Analysis**

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

	<b>Fiscal Year 1</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 3</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Expense	(\$12,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)	(\$48,000,000)
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total	(\$12,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)	(\$48,000,000)

### **B. Expense**

	<b>Fiscal Year 1</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 3</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Expenditures	(\$12,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)	(\$12,000,000)	(\$48,000,000)

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

Based on the considerations of the working group for Local Law 5 of 2022, which assessed matrimonial legal assistance for DV survivors in the city, it is estimated that 400-500 individual cases would qualify for legal services as described in the legislation. DSS anticipates that to provide full legal assistance to all qualifying DV survivors would require Other Than Personal Service (OTPS) expenditures of \$12,000,000 annually. The cost is associated with contracting legal services providers to represent eligible clients in applicable proceedings.

### **C. Revenue**

	<b>Fiscal Year 1</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 3</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0

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

There is no anticipated impact on revenue.

### **D. Capital**

	<b>Fiscal Year 1</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 3</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

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

There is no anticipated impact on capital expenditures.