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**SB16-049**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 16-0526  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Steadman  
Rep. Willett

**Date:** January 21, 2016  
**Bill Status:** Senate Judiciary  
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**BILL TOPIC:** MAINTENANCE BILL REQUEST FILES BY LEG LEGAL SERVICES

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Potential workload reduction.	
TABOR Impact		
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) is required to keep, maintain, and protect the confidentiality of files on bills prepared for members of the General Assembly. These files are considered work product as defined by the Colorado Open Records Act. The bill, **recommended by the Committee on Legal Services**, allows OLLS to transfer the files to the state archives or another entity in the Department of Personnel and Administration for storage, and clarifies that:

- OLLS is the official custodian of the bill files;
- OLLS has the right of reasonable access to bill files and controls access to those files by the public; and
- the Committee on Legal Services may develop policies regarding the bill files.

The bill also removes outdated language requiring OLLS to draft bills and store bill files at the request of the Governor.

**State Expenditures**

The bill eliminates potential future workload for OLLS by removing both the Governor's ability to request bill drafts from OLLS and the requirement that OLLS store bill files for the Governor. The Governor does not currently request bill drafts from OLLS, but the bill eliminates any future workload that would have resulted from a request for bill drafts from or required bill storage for the Governor.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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