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**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Singer; Nordberg **Bill Status:** Signed into Law
 Sen. Garcia; Cooke **Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)

BILL TOPIC: TASK FORCE CHILD WELFARE WORKER RESILIENCY PROGRAMS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-17 (Current year)	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue			
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: None.			

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a task force to identify and develop models for program to promote child welfare caseworker resiliency. The bill defines "resiliency programs" and requires the task force to base its work and findings on national models for such programs. The bill specifies the membership of the task force, which may include up to 16 members from the Department of Human Services (DHS), county departments of human services, caseworkers, the Metropolitan State University (MSU) Department of Social Work, advocacy groups, and law enforcement, among others. Members serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

The task force must be convened on or before August 1, 2017, by chairperson of the MSU Department of Social Work. The task force must submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee and the Joint Health and Human Services Committee by December 31, 2017. The task force is repealed on September 1, 2018.

Assumptions

While no agency is specifically listed as housing the task force, it is assumed that staff in the MSU Department of Social Work and/or the Division of Child Welfare in the DHS will be responsible for coordinating and overseeing the work of the task force and providing any required staff assistance.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the DHS and MSU in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 to provide staff support to the task force and to serve as task force members. Staff from the DHS and MSU will also help draft the required report to the General Assembly along with members of the task

force. The bill also requires the task force to develop a database of caseworker resiliency resources that can be shared with counties. DHS and MSU staff and task force members will have workload to compile this information. The fiscal note assumes that this will be a basic database of information that can be posted on the DHS website for counties to access. It is assumed that this workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations to all affected departments.

Local Government Impact

The bill increases workload for counties and local enforcement agencies that have their staff appointed to serve on the task force. It is assumed this workload increase will be minimal and that local agencies will only accept the appointment of their staff if it can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 22, 2017.

State and Local Government Contacts

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