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**SB 19-031**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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**Bill Topic:** CHILD WELFARE ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:** **No fiscal impact.** This bill changes the appointing authority of two members and adds two non-voting members to the Child Welfare Allocations Committee and has no fiscal impact on state and local government revenue or expenditures.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, county commissioners appoint eight members to the Child Welfare Allocations Committee and the state Department of Human Services (DHS) appoints five members. Of the five members appointed by the DHS, at least two members must be representatives from the two counties with the greatest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload.

This bill increases the number of members appointed by county commissioners to ten, with the requirement that the county commissioners in the two counties with the greatest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload each appoint one member. Correspondingly, the bill decreases the number of DHS appointments to three members and removes the requirement that at least two members appointed by the DHS represent the two counties with the greatest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload. The bill also adds two non-voting members with specific expertise to the committee. The non-voting members must be appointed by the DHS.

## Background

The Child Welfare Allocations Committee is a 13-member committee that provides input to the executive director of DHS on the allocation of child welfare services to counties. The committee annually reviews and makes recommendations to the DHS for the allocation formula, which includes capped and targeted allocations to counties for child welfare services, additional county child welfare staff, and an allocation for family and children's programs. Currently, the two counties with the greatest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload were El Paso and Denver counties.

### **Assessment of No Fiscal Impact**

Changing the appointment authority for two members of the Child Welfare Allocations Committee from the DHS to the two counties with the largest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload will have no effect on the revenue or expenditures of any state or local agency. In addition, adding two non-voting members to the Child Welfare Allocations Committee will have no effect on the revenue or expenditures of any state or local agency, since committee members do not receive compensation. Therefore, this bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

### **Effective Date**

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 8, 2019.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Child Protection Ombudsman  
Information Technology

Counties  
Human Services

Office Of Respondent Parents' Counsel  
Office Of The Child's Representative