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SB 19-063

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Priola; Story Rep. Buentello; Valdez A.	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: INFANT AND FAMILY CHILD CARE ACTION PLAN

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires the Department of Human Services and the Early Childhood Leadership Commission to develop a strategic action plan related to infant and family child care. The bill will increase state expenditures in FY 2019-20 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2019-20, this bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$50,688 to the Department of Human Services.

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

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-063**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Federal Funds	\$50,688	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Early Childhood Leadership Commission to develop a strategic action plan to address the decline of family child care homes and availability of child care throughout the state. In developing the plan, the DHS must conduct outreach to stakeholders listed in the bill, identify recommendations that have support among the stakeholders, and outline the extent of that support. The report must be submitted to the General Assembly by December 1, 2019. The bill requires, among other things, that the plan outline state-specific research concerning the lack of licensed and exempt family child care homes and available infant child care; the obstacles they face, including why they may not provide infant care; information on state and local conditions for operating family child care homes; how state programs and public investment promote available and affordable care; a list of available resources to assist providers; and recommendations that do not require additional resources.

Background

In 2018, Colorado was awarded a \$5.8 million federal Preschool Development Grant for children from Birth through Age Five. The grant program supports states in their efforts to analyze the current landscape of the early care and learning system as well as implementing changes that maximize the availability of high-quality early childhood care and education options for low-income and undeserved families.

Assumptions

This fiscal note assumes that many of the aspects of the strategic action plan highlighted in the bill are already being completed as part of the work for the Preschool Development Grant. However, the plan requires additional work beyond the scope of this existing grant. The fiscal note also assumes that due to the short timeline, the DHS must hire a contractor in order to complete the plan on time. Additionally, the state does not maintain records on the number of exempt child care providers. The fiscal note assumes that the DHS will use population estimates and other currently available data in order to assess the lack of exempt family child care providers and that a comprehensive survey or census of those facilities is not required.

State Expenditures

In FY 2019-20, DHS will increase federal fund expenditures by \$50,688 in order to hire a contractor to study the issues required under the bill. The fiscal note estimates that 384 hours of contractor work is necessary to complete the plan at a rate of \$120 per hour, plus 10 percent in overhead costs.

Local Government

To the extent that local government entities participate in the creation of the strategic action plan, workload will increase for those entities.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 23, 2019, and takes effect August 2, 2019, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

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State and Local Government Contacts

Counties
Municipalities
Information Technology

Office Of Economic Development And International Trade
Human Services