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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Baisley, Sen. Lundeen

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Bill Status: House Public Health
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Bill Topic: IMMUNIZATION STATUS AND CHILD ABUSE NEGLECT

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill clarifies that a child's immunization status or a parent or legal guardian's decision to delay or decline one or more immunizations for a child does not, by itself, constitute child abuse or neglect.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

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Comparable Crime Analysis

Legislative Council Staff is required to include certain information in the fiscal note for any bill that creates a new crime, changes the classification of an existing crime, or changes an element of an existing crime.

Prior conviction data and assumptions. This bill creates the new offense for reporting immunization status as suspected child abuse or neglect, a class 3 misdemeanor.

justice-related expenditures or revenue at the state or local levels, these potential impacts are not discussed further in this fiscal note. Visit leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes for more information about criminal justice costs in fiscal notes.

State Expenditures

The fiscal note assumes that a dependency and neglect case would not be opened solely for failure to vaccinate. However, to the extent that the bill results in fewer investigations of dependency and neglect, workload to the Judicial Department, the Office of the Child's Representative, and the Office of the Respondent Parents' Council will decrease.

Local Government

To the extent the bill results in fewer dependency and neglect investigations and fewer children in the child welfare system, expenditures and workload in county departments of human services will decrease. The fiscal note assumes that any decrease in expenditures and workload will be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Human Services
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