Bill Topic: GOVERNMENT IMMUNITY AND STATE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Summary of Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact. This bill clarifies when government immunity applies to the staff and facilities of the University of Colorado Hospital Authority. The bill has been assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that "public employees" under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act does not include health care practitioners or professionals who are employed by the University of Colorado Hospital Authority, unless the individual is providing services within the course and scope of the person's responsibility in a facility on the Anschutz Medical Campus or is under the hospital license issued to the university hospital. In addition, the bill clarifies that immunity from liability does not apply to the University of Colorado Hospital Authority unless the hospital, clinic, surgery center, department, or other facility is located on the Anschutz Medical Campus or is operated under the hospital license issued to the university hospital.

If immunity under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act does not apply to a professional or institution under the University of Colorado Hospital Authority, the immunity provisions of the Health Care Availability Act apply.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Clarifying the immunity for facilities and staff of the University of Colorado Hospital Authority is not expected to have a tangible impact on legal services provided to the University of Colorado system from the Department of Law. Because the bill does not affect the revenue or expenditures of any state or local agency or government, the bill has been assessed as having no fiscal impact.
Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on July 2, 2020, and takes effect September 14, 2020, assuming no referendum petition is filed. The bill applies to any acts or omissions occurring on or after January 1, 2021.

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