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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SUICIDE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND POSTVENTION

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill makes several updates to the state's suicide prevention commission and office, as well as other resources to include information on suicide intervention and postvention. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill changes the name of the Office of Suicide Prevention and the Suicide Prevention Commission in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and updates the duties of the office and commission to include intervention and postvention services. In addition, it adds provider and responder training, creation of a postvention component to state's K-12 suicide prevention plan, and development of a plan for follow-up care for suicide attempt survivors who were treated in an emergency department as purposes of the commission.

The bill also updates the Mental Health Education Literacy Resource Bank in the Colorado Department of Education; the Colorado Suicide Prevention Plan; the Crisis and Suicide Prevention Training Grant Program in the CDPHE; and other resources to include intervention and postvention components. The bill also requires health care facilities to provide information on the after effects of suicide attempts.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload for staff in a variety of agencies, including the CDPHE and the Colorado Department of Education, to update materials to include intervention and postvention components. Generally, it is assumed that the addition of suicide intervention and postvention in statute codifies aspects of the commission's current work, materials, and objectives; thus, no change in appropriation is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Departmental Difference

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment estimates that the bill will require \$1,058,245 and 2.3 FTE to provide statewide comprehensive education and training to providers and responders. The fiscal note assumes that the department's current trainings efforts, as well as the various resources that the department provides to health facilities and professionals, fulfills the requirement of the bill and that no change in appropriation is required.

State and Local Government Contacts

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