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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Snyder; Soper Sen. Gardner	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** **NON-TESTAMENTARY ELECTRONIC ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

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The bill allows estate documents to be in an electronic form and electronically signed. The bill will minimally increase state expenditures beginning in FY 2024-25.

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

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill, which was recommended by the Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws.

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill implements the "Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act" (UEEPDA), which allows, but does not require, electronic documents to be used to process estate planning documents and accept electronic signatures. The bill outlines permissible uses and procedures for incorporating electronic documents in estate planning.

## Background

In 2002, Colorado implemented the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA), which allowed electronic forms and signatures but only applied to business, commercial and governmental matters. Estate planning documents were not included in the UETA. The UEPPDA ensures validity to any interested party for electronic forms and signatures to estate planning documents.

## State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload in trial courts to determine the validity of electronic signatures in some estate planning cases. However, because the bill does not mandate use of electronic documents and courts may still require paper documents, this additional workload is assumed to be minimal; no appropriation is required.

## Local Government

Denver County Courts will have a similar workload change to the state for additional verification of electronic signatures in estate planning documents. This change is assumed to be minimal.

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 1, 2024, and takes effect August 7, 2024, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).