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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Young Sen. Michaelson Jenet	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House Health and Human Services
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**Bill Topic:** **ELECTROCONVULSIVE TREATMENT FOR MINORS**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

The bill authorizes the use of electroconvulsive treatment on minors under the age of 16 under certain circumstance. It minimally increases 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 fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

Current law allows electroconvulsive treatment (ECT) to be being performed on minors who are at between 16 and 18 years old, have the consent of a parent or guardian, and have been approved by two medical practitioners specializing in psychiatry. The bill permits minors under the age of 16 years old to receive ECT if the following conditions are met:

- two licensed medical professionals specializing in psychiatry approve of the treatment;
- other less-invasive treatments have failed;
- ECT is necessary due to severity of the minor's condition;
- ECT is performed by at least one physician or physician's designee; and
- the minor's parent or guardian consents to the treatment.

## State Expenditures

Starting in 2024-25, workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies, the Department of Public Health and Environment, and the Behavioral Health Administration will minimally increase to update rules, procedures, and technical forms for licensed medical professions and health care facilities, and respond to complaints. Additionally, workload in the Department of Human Services will increase to the extent that minors receive ECT at the Colorado Mental Health Hospitals in Fort Logan or Pueblo. This workload is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriation is required.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Child Welfare  
Judicial

Health Care Policy and Financing  
Law

Human Services  
Regulatory Agencies

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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](#).