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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> School District

Conditional on voter approval, the resolution creates a Parent's Bill of Rights related to the health, education, and religious upbringing of children. If approved by voters, the resolution increases state and local workload on an ongoing basis beginning in FY 2024-25

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This concurrent resolution refers a question to voters at the 2024 general election to establish the Parent's Bill of Rights, which outlines the various rights of parents with regards to the education, religious upbringing, health care, and mental health of their child.

Assumptions

The fiscal note assumes the right to opt out of data collection excludes child-level data required by the Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) to administer and determine eligibility for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program and the Colorado Universal Preschool Program. If included, the Department would have costs to make necessary system updates to allow for families to opt out of providing certain information, and to make adjustments to the operations and policies of the program. The fiscal note will be updated as more information is provided.

State Expenditures

If passed, the bill will increase workload in the Judicial Department, Department of Law, Department of Education (CDE), the CDEC, and the Department of Human Services (CDHS) on an ongoing basis, as discussed below.

Judicial Department. Trial courts may see additional civil cases if entities do not comply with various aspects of the bill. The fiscal note assumes that most entities will comply with the law and workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Department of Law. The resolution increases workload for the Department of Law to provide general counsel and rulemaking support to departments on their policies, including the CDHS, the CDE, and the CDEC. It may also increase to handle any cases brought against the state related to violations of the Parent's Bill of Rights. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Department of Education. The bill increases workload in the CDE to provide technical assistance to school districts with development of new policies and procedures, as requested. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Colorado Department of Early Childhood. Workload will increase to develop and update policies and perform outreach for child care providers. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Department of Human Services. Workload will increase to develop policies for obtaining parental consent when required. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Election expenditure impact – existing appropriations. This resolution includes a referred measure that will appear before voters at the November 2024 general election. While no additional appropriation is required, certain election costs are incurred by the state when ballot measures are referred. These include reimbursing counties for certain election costs; publishing the text and title of the measure in newspapers across the state; and preparing and mailing the Blue Book.

Local Government and School District

Similar to the state impacts above, the measure will potentially increase workload and costs for local governments, particularly school districts, to adjust policies and program operations in accordance with the measure. Among other impacts, school districts will need to adjust policies to allow parents access to various records, to exempt children from certain activities, and to notify parents about children experiencing gender incongruity. These requirements will increase workload and costs for school district staff, but the exact impacts will vary depending on current local practices and parents' use of these rights in the future

Effective Date

If approved by voters at the 2024 general election, this measure takes effect upon proclamation of the Governor, no later than 30 days after the official canvass of the vote is completed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Child Welfare
Education
Judicial

Counties
Health Care Policy and Financing
Law

Early Childhood
Human Services

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