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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Coleman; Exum Rep. Joseph; Willford	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** SAFER YOUTH SPORTS

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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"/> School District

The bill requires youth sports coaches to complete abuse prevention training and abide by a code of conduct policy. It increases state workload in FY 2024-25 only and local government workload and revenue on an ongoing basis.

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

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

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill establishes requirements for youth sports organizations, including nonprofit, for-profit, and local government organizations. The Department of Law must draft a notice explaining the bill's requirements, to be posted on youth sports organization websites and distributed to parents.

**Training and code of conduct.** The bill requires that non-profit and for-profit youth sports organizations require coaches to complete mandatory reporter training and encourage coaches to complete an abuse prevention training.

Youth sports organizations, including local governments that offer youth sports, must develop a prohibited conduct policy for coaches, parents, spectators, and athletes and require coaches to comply with the policy. The Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) must develop a model conduct policy, which youth sports organizations may choose to adopt.

**Background checks.** Youth sports organizations must require all coaches to complete a criminal history record check by a private entity. Organizations must not hire an employee or volunteer if the record check shows certain felony convictions, and are immune from civil liability unless the organization knowingly uses false information for hiring decisions or acts with reckless disregard. Local governments may charge a fee for the background check.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases workload for the Department of Early Childhood to provide a model code of conduct policy for youth sports organizations, and the Department of Law to draft the notice explaining the bill's requirements. No change in appropriations is required.

## **Local Government**

The bill increases workload, and may increase revenue, for local governments that operate youth sports activities. Workload includes adopting a prohibited conduct policy, and modifying policies to ensure the completion of a background check. Revenue will increase for local governments that choose to charge a fee to complete background checks.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 17, 2024, and takes effect on August 7, 2024, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties	Early Childhood	Education
Law	Municipalities	Public Safety

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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](#).