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Bill Topic: YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <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 |

This bill enacts several youth suicide prevention initiatives within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and makes changes to the age of consent for a minor to seek certain psychotherapy services. This will increase state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2018-19, the bill requires an appropriation of \$803,350 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 18-1177

| | | FY 2018-19 | FY 2019-20 |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Revenue | | - | - |
| Expenditures | General Fund | \$803,350 | \$849,450 |
| | Centrally Appropriated | \$12,920 | \$14,239 |
| | Total | \$816,270 | \$14,239 |
| | Total FTE | 0.9 FTE | 1.0 FTE |
| Transfers | | - | - |

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Office of Suicide Prevention in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), as part of its Colorado Suicide and Youth Suicide Prevention Plan, to do the following:

- establish and pay for a coordinated program of youth suicide prevention training that includes at least three nonprofit organizations that will provide training to people and professionals who regularly interact with youths;
- maintain and publicize a list of approved nonprofit organizations that can provide training on youth suicide prevention; and
- conduct a statewide awareness campaign on youth suicide prevention.

Under current law, a youth may seek outpatient psychotherapy services without a parent's consent at age 15. The bill allows a youth age 12 and older to seek outpatient psychotherapy services from a licensed mental health professional without the consent of his or her parent/guardian, and provides immunity from civil liability to the mental health provider for such therapy if it is within the provider's scope of practice. A mental health provider must notify parents if the youth communicates a clear and imminent intent or threat to inflict serious bodily harm on him or herself or others. The bill makes clarifying amendments concerning the ability of youths to seek inpatient psychotherapy services, with the age limit (15 years) remaining the same as under current law. Lastly, the bill adds youth suicide prevention to the scope of several advisory boards and programs that currently deal with suicide prevention more generally.

State Expenditures

This bill increases General Fund expenditures in the CDPHE by \$816,270 and 0.9 FTE in FY 2018-19 and \$863,689 and 1.0 FTE in FY 2019-20. These costs are summarized in Table 2 and discussed below.

**Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 18-1177**

| | FY 2018-19 | FY 2019-20 |
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| Department of Public Health and Environment | | |
| Personal Services | \$62,792 | \$68,500 |
| Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay Costs | \$5,558 | \$950 |
| Training Contractors | \$135,000 | \$180,000 |
| Public Awareness Campaign | \$600,000 | \$600,000 |
| Centrally Appropriated Costs* | \$12,920 | \$14,239 |
| FTE – Personal Services | 0.9 FTE | 1.0 FTE |
| Total Cost | \$816,270 | \$863,689 |
| Total FTE | 0.9 FTE | 1.0 FTE |

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Personal services. The CDPHE will require 1.0 FTE to oversee the contracted nonprofit organizations, publicize available training opportunities, and to manage the public awareness campaign. Personal services, operating, and capital outlay expenses for this staff are shown in Table 2. First-year costs and FTE are prorated to reflect the General Fund payday shift.

Training contractors. The bill requires the CDPHE to contract with at least three nonprofit organizations to provide training on youth suicide prevention in local communities. The fiscal note estimates that three nonprofit organizations will enter into a contract with the CDPHE at a cost of \$60,000 per contractor per year. First-year contractor costs are prorated to reflect training starting on October 1, 2018. The contract costs will cover staffing, educational materials, travel expenses, administrative expenses, and other costs incurred to conduct the trainings.

Public awareness campaign. Based on the costs of similar statewide public awareness campaigns, the CDPHE is expected to have costs of \$600,000 per year starting in FY 2018-19 to develop, manage, and implement a public awareness campaign. The fiscal note assumes that the campaign will run for two years, through June 30, 2020. After that, it is assumed that the CDPHE will request funding through the annual budget process if the campaign is to continue into future years.

Department of Regulatory Agencies. The Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies will have a minimal increase in workload to update rules and communicate the changes under the bill to regulated mental health professionals concerning outpatient psychotherapy services for youths. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$12,920 in FY 2018-19 and \$14,239 in FY 2019-20.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2018-19, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$803,350 to the CDPHE and an allocation of 0.9 FTE.

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