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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: DECLARE AUTISM EPIDEMIC IN COLORADO

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure (minimal, potential), State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill would have required the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to examine whether there is an autism epidemic, and if so, to take appropriate measures to protect public health.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to examine whether there is an autism epidemic by convening the Governor's Emergency Epidemic Response Committee by August 30, 2018.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2017-18, the CDPHE will have an increase in workload to gather and examine available autism data and to provide this data to the Governor's Emergency Epidemic Response Committee.

If an autism epidemic is declared, the CDPHE will have additional workload and costs to develop and implement a plan to respond to the epidemic. At this time, the potential costs have not been estimated and will depend on the committee's finding and the nature of response measures. It is assumed that additional funding to fund the autism epidemic response, if declared, will be requested through the annual budget process.

## Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee on April 26, 2018.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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