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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: PART C CHILD FIND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CDE AND DHS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:**
- State Revenue
 - State Expenditure
 - State Transfer
 - TABOR Refund
 - Local Government
 - Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services to enter into an intergovernmental agreement concerning evaluations for services under the Child Find program.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2018-19, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$15,000 to the Department of Human Services.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee and is part of its FY 2018-19 budget package.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 18-1333**

		FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$15,000	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Department of Education (CDE) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to study the administration of early intervention evaluations under the Child Find program. The bill lists the areas that must be covered in the agreement. The departments must enter into the agreement by October 1, 2018, and report to the Joint Budget Committee on the agreement by November 1, 2018. The bill specifies a process for the Joint Budget Committee to select an agreement developed by one of the two agencies if they cannot enter into an agreement by the required date. By June 30, 2019, the departments must report on the results and recommendations of the study conducted under the agreement. The bill defines "early intervention evaluation" in statute.

Background

As part of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the CDE administers the Child Find program, which identifies children with disabilities from birth to age 2 in need of early intervention resources. The DHS is responsible for managing early intervention services provided to children through age 2.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures by \$15,000 in the DHS to hire a consultant to facilitate the development of the interagency agreement with the CDE. Staff in the DHS and CDE will have additional workload to work with the consultant and develop recommendations about the administration of early childhood evaluations. This work can be accomplished within existing resources.

Local Government

To the extent that school districts and local governments are involved in discussions with the CDE and DHS concerning the administration of the Child Find program and the development of program recommendations, workload will increase for participating agencies.

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 and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$15,000 to the DHS.

State and Local Government Contacts

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