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SB 20-087

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Rep. Mullica

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Bill Status: Deemed Lost
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Bill Topic: **REQUIRE CREDENTIALS CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<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 would have required central service technicians to pass a central service exam and hold a credential unless certain conditions are met. This bill would have increased state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation was required.

Fiscal Note Status: This 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

Starting on January 1, 2021, this bill requires an individual to pass a nationally accredited central service exam, and hold either a certified registered central service technician credential or a sterile processing and distribution technician credential in order to work as a central service technician, with certain exceptions. Anyone who does not meet these requirements may continue to work as a central technician for up to 18 months as long as they are making a good-faith effort to satisfy the requirements. These requirements do not apply to a person who:

- was employed as a central service technician in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center for at least one year between December 31, 2015, and December 31, 2020;
- was employed by a hospital or ambulatory surgical center on December 31, 2020; and
- remains continuously employed after December 31, 2020.

Finally, the bill does not prohibit a hospital or ambulatory center from employing a health care professional; a person who holds and maintains a registration, certification, or license to perform health care services; or a student to perform the duties of a central service technician.

Background

Central service technicians are professionals who decontaminate, inspect, assemble, package, and sterilize medical equipment and instruments used in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2020-21, workload in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will increase to update rules and enforce the requirements of this bill. The fiscal note assumes that hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers will comply with this bill and that any workload to update rules and monitor compliance. The additional workload will be minimal can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was deemed lost on June 16, 2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

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