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HB 20B-1011

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: DISASTER EMERGENCY DURATION LIMITS

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

This bill limits the duration of a health-related state of disaster emergency declared by the Governor to 30 days. The General Assembly may extend a health-related state of disaster emergency for up to 60 days by adopting a joint resolution. If a special session is called, state expenditures will increase.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a state of disaster emergency may continue for no longer than 30 days unless renewed by the Governor. This bill limits the duration of a state of disaster emergency declared in response to any infectious disease, medical, or other health-related situation to no longer than 30 days, unless the General Assembly adopts a joint resolution that extends a state of disaster emergency. The General Assembly may extend a state of disaster emergency by joint resolution for periods up to 60 days for as long as it deems necessary. If the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor or General Assembly may call a special session to consider extending a state of disaster emergency.

Background

The Governor is authorized to declare a state of disaster emergency by executive order or proclamation if he finds a disaster has occurred or that a threat of a disaster is imminent. A state of disaster emergency is limited to 30 days, but can be renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time by joint resolution after which the Governor must issue an executive order or proclamation ending a state of disaster emergency.

## State Expenditures

If the Governor or General Assembly convenes a special session to extend a health-related state of disaster emergency, state General Fund expenditures will increase. Funds for special sessions are included annually in legislative appropriations, so no appropriation is required.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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