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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Winter; Smallwood **Bill Status:** Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **LICENSING OF RESPITE CHILD CARE CENTERS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input checked="" 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

The bill adds the definition for respite child care center for child care licensing purposes. The bill increases expenditures in FY 2021-22 only, and minimally increase ongoing state revenue.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$21,352 to the Department of Human Services.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-269

	Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23
Revenue	-	-
Expenditures		
General Fund	\$14,092	-
Federal Funds	\$7,260	-
Total Expenditures	\$21,352	-
Transfers	-	-
TABOR Refund	-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill adds a definition of “respite child care center” for child care licensing purposes. A respite child care center is a facility that provides temporary 24-hour group care for three or more children who are placed in foster care or kinship care homes and children with open cases through a regional accountable entity. The respite child care center is not a treatment facility but provides recreational activities, peer engagement, and skill development to children in its care.

State Revenue

Starting in FY 2021-22, the bill will increase revenue to the Child Care Licensing Cash Funds in the Department of Human Services by a minimal amount for respite child care centers to pay a licensing fee. The fiscal note assumes that there will be five such centers and therefore, any increase in revenue will be minimal.

State Expenditures

In FY 2021-22 only, the bill will increase state expenditures in the Department of Human Services by \$21,352 to update the state’s child welfare information system (known as TRAILS) with a new license type. The upgrades are estimated to take 136 hours of work at \$157 per hour. System upgrades are assumed eligible for a 34 percent federal match. The bill will also minimally increase DHS workload to regulate a new licensing type.

TABOR refunds. The bill is expected to increase the amount of state revenue required to be refunded to taxpayers by a minimal amount. TABOR refunds are paid from the General Fund. This estimate is based on the June 2021 LCS revenue forecast, which incorporates the revenue impacts of bills passed during the 2021 session. A forecast of state revenue subject to TABOR is not available beyond FY 2022-23.

Federal ARPA funds. This bill minimally increases state revenue, which may impact the state’s flexibility in spending federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. For more information, see the LCS memo, titled "Legislative Changes and Flexibility in Use of American Rescue Plan Funds," available online at: <https://leg.colorado.gov/node/2211881>.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on July 2, 2021, and it took effect on September 7, 2021.

State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires and includes a \$21,352 appropriation to the Department of Human Services, of which \$14,092 is from the General Fund and \$7,260 is from federal funds.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Human Services

Information Technology