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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Story; Willford Sen. Winter F.	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS REPORTING EXEMPTION

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**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

The bill exempts mental health professionals from the requirement to report information on individuals with sexually transmitted infections to public health entities. This bill increases state workload beginning in FY 2023-24.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill exempts mental health professionals from the existing requirement to report specified information on individuals who test positive for sexually transmitted infections to the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) or local public health agencies; however, this exemption applies only when the mental health professional is not engaged in the testing, diagnosing, or treating of the individual with the sexually transmitted infection.

## State Expenditures

Workload will increase for state agencies that regulate or employ mental health professionals, including, but not limited to, the Department of Regulatory Agencies, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Corrections, to notify mental health professionals of the changes in reporting requirements and update rules. Workload will decrease in CDPHE to the extent that it receives fewer notifications. These workload changes are expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

## Local Government

Similar to the state, workload in local governments will decrease to the extent that local public health agencies receive fewer reports of sexually transmitted infections. This change in workload is expected to be minimal.

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 10, 2023, and takes effect on August 7, 2023, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology  
Regulatory Agencies

Human Services

Public Health and Environment