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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. deGruy Kennedy	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House Judiciary
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**Bill Topic:** **INDEPENDENT AGENCY APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:** **No fiscal impact.** The bill adjusts hiring requirements for directors of independent judicial agencies. The bill has no impact on state or local revenues or expenditures.

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

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

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## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the directors of the Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC), the Alternate Defense Counsel (OADC), and the Office of the Child's Representative (OCR) must be licensed attorneys in Colorado for at least five years. The bill modifies this requirement by still requiring licensed attorney status for five years, but allowing licensure in another state provided the directors obtain Colorado licensure within six months of their appointment.

## Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The independent judicial agencies identified in the bill will update their hiring requirements for director-level positions. This change will have no effect on agency workload or any impact on state revenues or expenditures. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## 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

All Independent Judicial Agencies

Judicial

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).