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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Amabile; Herod Sen. Gonzales; Buckner	Bill Status:	House Judiciary
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Bill Topic: **PROHIBITING TERM EXCITED DELIRIUM**

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill prohibits the use of "excited delirium" in first responder trainings, peace officer incident reports, and as the cause of death in death certificates. The bill codifies current practice and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill prohibits the use of the term "excited delirium" in first responder trainings, in peace officer incident reports, and as the cause of death in death certificates. The bill defines "excited delirium" as a term used to describe a person's state of agitation, excitability, paranoia, extreme aggression, physical violence, and apparent immunity to pain that is not listed in the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The term also includes excited delirium syndrome, hyperactive delirium, agitated delirium, and exhaustive mania.

Background

On December 1, 2023, the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board voted to no longer recognize the term "excited delirium" and to remove the term from all training documents. In addition, the Colorado Department on Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) reports that the term cannot be selected as a cause of death for the state's Vital Records Office Electronic Death Registration System, and has not been used on certification by coroners or medical examiners since 2019.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Based on the administrative actions issued by the POST Board and CDPHE outlined in the Background section, the bill is codifying current practice; therefore, the bill has been assessed as having no fiscal impact on state or local governments.

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

Counties	County Coroners	Higher Education
Law	Natural Resources	Public Health and Environment
Public Safety	Revenue	

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