



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

FINAL**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Sen. Veiga**Bill Status:** Signed Into Law**Fiscal Analyst:** Janis Baron (303-866-3523)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE SECOND-PARENT ADOPTION OF A CHILD OF A SOLE LEGAL PARENT.**Summary of Assessment**

The bill allows a child to be adopted by a second adult parent with the sole legal parent upon written and verified consent by that parent. If the sole legal parent adopted the child less than six months prior to the filing of the second parent adoption and the second parent was part of the home study, the original home study report shall be valid for the second parent adoption. If the petition for adoption by the second parent occurs six months or more after the adoption by the first parent, a separate home study report is required. The bill was signed by the Governor on May 14, 2007, and becomes law on August 5, 2007.

The bill establishes a new cause of action which will result in an increase in the number of adoption cases filed with the court. That said, it is anticipated that the increase in the number of adoption petitions will be small and able to be processed within existing appropriations. Additionally, the courts are able to process a large number of juvenile cases before they experience a measurable need for increased judges and support staff. Therefore, the bill is assessed at having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Human Services

Judicial