

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Rep. Solano**Bill Status:** Senate Health and Human Services
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WHO PROVIDE CARE FOR CHILDREN WHOSE CARE IS FUNDED WITH MONEYS RECEIVED ON THE CHILDREN'S BEHALF FROM THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Summary of Assessment

Background. SB06-045 required a fingerprint-based criminal history records check (FCC) for exempt family child care home providers who contract with counties as Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) providers, and for adults 18 years of age or older living in an exempt family child care home. The bill included an appropriation of \$182,099 to the Department of Public Safety and \$76,007 to the Department of Human Services to comply with the FCC requirements.

This bill, recommended by the Early Childhood and School Readiness Commission, provides a technical clean-up to SB06-045 which was adopted and signed by the Governor. It requires FCCs for those providers receiving funding through the CCCAP through contracts *or other payment agreements*. The bill effectively requires all providers who receive public moneys for child care services to submit to a FCC. Under current law, approximately 38,000 children receive child care through CCCAP providers. This bill adds child care provided under special circumstances (Child Welfare service) and child care provided through the Employment First program (Food Stamps service). Currently, about 800 children are receiving child care under special circumstances and no children receive child care through Employment First (caseload has been zero for last three fiscal years).

The bill is assessed at having no fiscal impact. It is assumed that the small caseload of children receiving child care under special circumstances are likely receiving that care from a provider who is participating in the CCCAP program and who is complying with the FCC requirement. The bill is effective upon signature of the Governor.

Departments Contacted

Human Services