



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Hudak
Rep. Levy

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN PERSONS REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

Summary of Legislation

The bill removes the requirement that a person report known or suspected child abuse or neglect if the child is over the age of 18 when the abuse or neglect is made known to the person. Under current law, child abuse and neglect must be reported, even if the child is no longer a minor.

Assessment

The bill is assessed at no fiscal impact. The change to the reporting requirement is expected to reduce the number of child abuse and neglect reports received by county departments of human services by a small amount, as the vast majority of abuse reports concern youth who are still below the age of 18. This reduction in abuse reports is not expected to significantly affect the caseload for county workers or the courts.

Departments Contacted

Human Services

Judicial