SB12-042

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s):	Sen. Spence	**Bill Status:**	Senate Judiciary
	Rep. Summers	**Fiscal Analyst:**	Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)

TITLE: CONCERNING BRINGING CERTAIN STATUTORY PROVISIONS RELATED TO CHILD SUPPORT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures Various fund sources (General Fund, cash funds, federal funds)	See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill brings state child support enforcement into compliance with federal law by requiring:

- the Department of Human Services (DHS) or its agents to locate and secure assets of persons who owe child support in another state when requested by the other state; and
- the DHS and financial institutions to conduct data matches to identify assets of persons owing child support on a quarterly basis, rather than semiannually.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload in the DHS by increasing the number and frequency of financial institution data matches required to be conducted to identify the assets of persons owing child support in Colorado, as well as in other states. However, this analysis assumes that the increased workload can be accomplished using existing resources given that assets identified through data matching represents a small portion of overall child support collections and the overall efficiency of electronically transmitting personal information to financial institutions for data matching. Child support enforcement in the DHS is funded by a variety of sources, including General Fund, federal funds, and a share of retained child support collections and fraud returns.

Departments Contacted

Human Services Revenue