



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**STATE**  
**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 12-0366  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Nicholson  
 Rep. Massey

**Date:** January 23, 2012  
**Bill Status:** Senate Health and Human Services  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE COLORADO CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND.

| <b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>   | <b>FY 2012-2013</b> | <b>FY 2013-2014</b> |
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| <b>State Revenue</b>   |                     |                     |
| Cash Funds   |                     |                     |
| Colorado Children's Trust Fund   | \$340,000           | \$340,000           |
| Federal Funds  | 539,418             | 539,418             |
| <b>State Expenditures</b>  |                     |                     |
| Cash Funds   |                     |                     |
| Colorado Children's Trust Fund*  | \$470,914           | \$470,914           |
| Federal Funds  | 539,418             | 539,418             |
| <b>FTE Position Change</b>   | 1.5 FTE             | 1.5 FTE             |
| <b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. |                     |                     |
| <b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013:</b> See State Appropriation section.                    |                     |                     |
| <b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.  |                     |                     |

\* The difference between revenue and expenditures will be made up from the balance in the fund. All moneys available for grants are not disbursed every year, creating a fund balance above the 25 percent fund reserve that is required until such time as the fund balance reaches \$5.0 million.

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill clarifies that Colorado Children Trust Fund (CCTF) moneys are to be used for prevention, rather than intervention, programs, and extends CCTF's repeal date ten years to July 1, 2022.

**Background**

Established by the Colorado General Assembly in 1989, the stated mission of the CCTF is to provide leadership and support to promote the establishment, implementation, and expansion of state and local programs that reduce the occurrence of child abuse and neglect in Colorado. The CCTF provides grants to local agencies engaged in child abuse and neglect prevention activities. Funding is derived from the statutory dedication of a portion (\$15) of the Dissolution of Marriage Docket Fee. Other funding may be obtained from federal grants, contributions, gifts, bequests, and private donations. Funds are subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly.

**Fiscal impact of programs set to expire.** This bill continues a program in the Department of Public Health and Environment that is set to repeal July 1, 2012. There is no need for an appropriation for the base budget of the program in FY 2012-13 if the department's base budget request for FY 2012-13 is approved. Current funding for the program is \$470,914 CF, \$539,418 FF, and 1.5 FTE.

### **State Revenue and Expenditures**

The department anticipates revenues of \$340,000 to the Colorado Children's Trust Fund the next two fiscal years. The amount of matching federal funds varies from year to year and has ranged from \$392,000 to \$777,000 over the past 10 years, with a current projection of \$539,418 for fiscal years 2012-13 and 2013-14.

The fiscal note assumes program expenditures for FY 2013-14 at the FY 2012-13 level of \$470,914 CF and \$539,418 FF. Cash fund expenditures vary from year to year and may not exceed 75 percent of total funds available for disbursement from the Colorado Children's Trust Fund.

Clarification of allowable uses of CCTF money does not change costs or the level of grant funding by the trust fund board.

### **Appropriation**

No appropriation is required if the CDPHE FY 2012-13 budget is approved as requested. If it is not approved, then the CDPHE requires a FY 2012-13 appropriation of \$470,914 from the Colorado Children's Trust Fund and 1.5 FTE.

### **Departments Contacted**

Public Health and Environment

Judicial