



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

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 Sen. Newell

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AS COORDINATOR FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal increase that will be absorbed.	
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: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

Current law designates the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) as the coordinator for suicide prevention programs throughout the state. The bill requires DPHE, in its coordinator role, to work with hospitals to determine the appropriate materials to distribute when a minor has attempted suicide or has exhibited a suicidal gesture. The information is to be provided to parents or others prior to the minor's discharge, and must include warning signs of depression, risk factors of suicide, methods of preventing suicide, available suicide prevention resources, and any other information concerning suicide awareness and prevention.

State Expenditures

The additional duty that the bill places on the DPHE will result in a workload increase. This increase is not expected to be significant and will be absorbed within existing appropriations.

The Colorado Mental Health Institutes in the Department of Human Services currently provide information to the people responsible for the welfare of youth who have attempted suicide or exhibited a suicidal gesture. Any additional administrative and printing costs that result from the bill's implementation will be absorbed within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

The requirement in the bill that hospitals educate and provide certain information when a minor has exhibited suicidal behavior could increase costs to county and municipal hospitals.

Departments Contacted

Public Health and Environment
Municipal League

Human Services
Colorado Counties