

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE EVALUATION OF HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM UNDER THE MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM.

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**Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 04/02/12 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee 04/12/12)**

The Health and Human Services Committee Report:

- Changes who shall conduct evaluations from an evaluator who is not part of the ongoing treatment team or lead therapist, to the child's lead therapist or a designee of the Department;
- Specifies that the evaluations required by the bill shall not be used to alter a child's eligibility for the Medicaid waiver program;
- Clarifies that program eligibility criteria shall be consistent with federal law; and,
- Modifies the timeline for reports and the required content.

The Joint Budget Committee Staff and Legislative Council Staff believe the amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill. However, it should be noted that the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing did not provide a response in time for this document about whether the new reporting timelines will require some of the program evaluation funding to be provided in FY 2012-13 instead of FY 2013-14.

**JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note**

**Concurs**                       **Does Not Concur**                       **Updated Analysis**

**Amendments/Appropriation Status**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$6,925 total funds in FY 2012-13, including \$3,463 from the Colorado Autism Treatment Fund.

**Bill Sponsor Amendments**

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

**Points to Consider**

None.