

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Young
 Sen. Ulibarri

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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TITLE: CONCERNING FACTUAL FINDINGS INCLUDED IN PARENTING TIME ORDERS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 18, 2013, and takes effect August 7, 2013, assuming no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the courts may issue an order in child custody cases to restrict the parenting time of a parent if the court finds that the child's physical health would be endangered or emotional development significantly impaired by spending time with the parent. The bill requires the courts to list the specific facts that support such a finding.

State Expenditures

The bill may increase workload in the courts by a minimal amount by requiring that the specific facts supporting the court's finding be included in the order when restricting parenting time because of potential physical or emotion harm to a child. Judges often include such information in parenting time orders, but to the extent that some judges do not regularly include these facts, workload will increase to add this additional information when issuing orders. Any change in workload can be addressed within existing appropriations to the Judicial Department.

Departments Contacted

Judicial