

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Lontine Sen. Aguilar	Bill Status: Signed into Law
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BILL TOPIC: DAY TREATMENT CENTER AGE OF CHILDREN SERVED

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Potential increase. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

** This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.*

Summary of Legislation

The bill expands the age range of persons who may be served in a day treatment center. Under current law, licensed day treatment centers may serve persons ages 5 to 17, as well as persons ages 18 to 20 based on a court order issued prior to a person's 18th birthday. Under the bill, day treatment centers may serve persons ages 3 through 20. The bill also allows a person who turns 21 after the start of the academic year to continue attending an educational program at a day treatment center until the end of the semester or completion of the program, whichever comes first.

Background

Day treatment centers provide less than 24-hour care for groups of five or more children with development disabilities or behavioral health issues. These facilities provide a structured program of psycho-social and behavioral treatments to prevent or reduce the need for placement of children out of their homes or the community.

State Expenditures

The bill may increase costs to the state, however any change is expected to be minimal. Day treatment services are provided through several programs with a range of potential funding sources, including Medicaid funds, state General Fund, federal educational funding, and private health insurance, depending on how a person is referred for treatment and their eligibility for services. By expanding the age range served by day treatment centers, some additional clients may be served. However, given that day treatment services may be provided in lieu of other services a client would have received, any net change in costs is assumed to be minimal.

Local Government Impact

The bill potentially increases spending for school districts referring children in the expanded age range to day treatment centers as part of an individual education plan. However, given that day treatment services may be provided in lieu of other support services offered by the district, any change in overall costs is assumed to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 13, 2015.

State and Local Government Contacts

Human Services
Law

Education
Counties

Health Care Policy and Financing