

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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<b>Drafting Number:</b> LLS 15-1007	<b>Date:</b> April 14, 2015
<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Williams Sen. Newell	<b>Bill Status:</b> House Public Health Care and Human Services
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**BILL TOPIC:** PLACEMENT STABILITY FOR CHILDREN & WITH SIBLINGS

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary*</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>	<b>FY 2016-2017</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Minimal workload increase.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

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

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, the courts are encouraged to consider certain factors when deciding whether to place a child with relatives following the termination of the parent-child legal relationship or when conducting a periodic review of a child's placement when in foster care. This bill requires that all the factors specified in statute be considered by the courts in these cases. The bill also updates the legislative declaration concerning placement stability for children in foster care.

**State Expenditures**

The bill will increase workload in the courts to review additional criteria when making placement decision concerning children in foster care. However, many of these factors are considered by the courts as part of current practice. Therefore, any additional workload is assumed to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Judicial      Human Services      Counties