

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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BILL TOPIC: CO9TO25 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required:		

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the CO9To25 Youth Development Council (council) in the Department of Human Services (DHS). The council will develop and implement a comprehensive system of youth and young adult development services. The council will also identify best practices for prevention, intervention, and treatment services related to youths and young adults ages 9 to 25. The duties of the council include, but are not limited to:

- establishing regional councils across the state to support healthy youths and young adults;
- increasing public awareness of available youth and young adult services and organizations;
- establishing standards and systemic indicators for positive youth and young adult development and engagement;
- coordinating funding and programmatic efforts between state agencies and departments that serve youths and young adults;
- eliminating duplication of efforts and identifying gaps in services;
- creating a sustainable and productive quality statewide network of youth, young adult, and adult partnerships; and
- ensuring that the work of the early childhood councils in the DHS is connected to the work of the council.

The council must establish an operational structure and expectations for its members in accordance with recommendations made in the Colorado State Youth Development Plan in the DHS. The council will consist of at least 20 members and interested potential members may submit letters of interest to the council. By August 1, 2015, the DHS will designate a convening entity for the council. The convening entity may be a local nonprofit organization.

Background

House Bill 13-1239 created the Colorado State Youth Development Plan (plan) to identify key issues and coordinate among existing efforts to promote positive youth development. The plan issued a report on September 30, 2014.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the DHS by a minimal amount. Under the bill the DHS will coordinate the work of the council, and identify a convening entity that will assist in organizing the work of the council. The convening entity that the DHS selects will assist the council in developing an organizational structure, and aid the council in achieving its research objectives. Any workload increase to the DHS is anticipated to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Human Services