

# STATE and LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT

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BILL TOPIC: UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT 2008 UPDATE

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

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

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill, *recommended by the Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws*, updates the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (the act) to incorporate procedures, definitions, and guidelines for the registration, recognition, enforcement, and modification of foreign family support orders as required under the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance (the convention), to which the United states became a party in 2007. Under current federal law, states must implement the required provisions of the convention by 2015 in order to continue receiving federal Part IV-D funding under the Social Security Act.

### **State Expenditures**

The Department of Human Services may have a minimal increase in workload to update existing policies and procedures and provide guidance to counties on implementation of the required changes concerning foreign child support orders. No change in appropriations is required for this purpose.

#### **Local Government Impact**

Similar to the state impact above, county child support enforcement divisions in county departments of human and social services may have additional workload to update procedures for handling foreign child support cases. Overall, this is assumed to affect only a small number of cases and any change in workload will be minimal.

# **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

# **State and Local Government Contacts**

Human Services Law Judicial Counties