

Colorado Legislative Council Staff
**STATE AND LOCAL
 FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Williams S. Sen. Perlmutter	Bill Status: House Judiciary Fiscal Analyst: Geoff Barsch (303-866-4102)

TITLE: CONCERNING PROHIBITION OF THE NEGLIGENT STORAGE OF FIREARMS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2000/2001	FY 2001/2002
State Revenues General Fund	Fine Revenue	Fine Revenue
State Expenditures General Fund		
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
Other State Impact: TABOR		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2000-2001: None		
Local Government Impact: See Local government impact section		

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates a class 3 misdemeanor for negligently storing a firearm in such a manner that a juvenile obtains possession of the firearm and uses it to commit a criminal offense.

State Revenues

Since the bill creates a new class 3 misdemeanor, there may be an impact on the state General Fund due to fine revenue collected. A class 3 misdemeanor carries a penalty of a \$50 to \$750 fine. Any fine assessed is deposited into the General Fund. It is at the discretion of the court whether to impose a fine, a jail sentence, or both. Therefore, the amount of fine revenue cannot be determined.

Local Government Impact

This bill may have a fiscal impact on local government due to the county jail sentences associated with the new crime. According to a 1993 report from the State Auditor's Office, the average daily cost to house an offender in a county jail is \$54. Because the sentencing court has the

discretion to impose a fine, a jail sentence, or both, the impact upon local governments is unknown at this time.

Departments Contacted

Judicial-State Court Administrator Public Defender's Office