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**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "DEADLY WEAPON".

### **Summary of Assessment**

This bill clarifies that a BB gun or pellet gun is not defined as a deadly weapon for criminal offenses unless used to cause death or bodily injury. Use of a deadly weapon, as defined in Section 18-1-901(3), C.R.S., is primarily used as an aggravating factor in the commission of a crime. The bill is effective 90 days after adjournment, unless a referendum petition is filed.

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The bill may affect a small number of cases involving juveniles who bring a pellet or BB gun on school grounds and are charged with possession of a deadly weapon on school property. These cases represent a small portion of all possession of a deadly weapon on school property cases.

### **Departments Contacted**

Corrections    Human Services    Judicial    Public Defender