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# FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 19-0305  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Arndt  
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**Bill Status:** House Public Health  
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**Bill Topic:** MENTAL HEALTH INVOLUNTARY TRANSPORTATION HOLDS

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:** **No fiscal impact.** This bill clarifies that the authority to involuntarily hold a person in a mental health crisis remains in effect until the evaluation for treatment is completed. It will have no impact on state or local government revenues or expenditures and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that the authority to involuntarily hold a person in a mental health crisis remains in effect until the evaluation for treatment is completed.

## Background

Under current law, specified intervening professionals are allowed to transport an individual to a treatment facility if that person is in need of immediate evaluation for mental health treatment. The authority to involuntarily hold these individuals in custody expires upon delivery of that person to the facility.

Involuntary transportation holds are an initial intervening step for professionals to move an individual in a mental health crisis, who will not go voluntarily and does not appear to meet the 72-hour hold criteria of imminent danger to self or others, or gravely disabled, from the community to a facility with crisis walk-in services.

## Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

This bill adds clarifying language for involuntary transportation holds and does not affect revenue or expenditures of any agency of the state or local governments and is therefore assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Effective Date**

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

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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