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**SB 19-211**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 19-1023  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Moreno  
Rep. Esgar

**Date:** May 22, 2019  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**Bill Topic:** MENTAL HEALTH CRIMINAL DIVERSION PROGRAM

**Summary of  
Fiscal Impact:**

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

**Budget package bill.** This bill extends the Mental Health Criminal Justice Diversion pilot program, eliminates the \$750,000 cap on total grant awards, and requires the Judicial Department to submit reports to the General Assembly on the pilot program. This bill increases state expenditures and workload through FY 2021-22.

**Appropriation  
Summary:**

For FY 2019-20, this bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$442,543 to the Judicial Department.

**Fiscal Note  
Status:**

The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2019-20 budget package.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-211**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$442,543	\$442,543*
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

\* Total Mental Health Criminal Justice Diversion Grant Program costs are expected to be \$1,192,543.

## **Summary of Legislation**

The Mental Health Criminal Justice Diversion Grant Program was created by the General Assembly in 2018 to distribute grant funds to pilot program sites in four judicial districts. The pilot programs divert offenders with mental health conditions involved with the criminal justice system for low-level offenses into community mental health treatment programs. Pilot programs are set up in the in the following judicial districts:

- 6th Judicial District which includes the counties of Archuleta, La Plata, and San Juan;
- 8th Judicial District which includes the counties of Jackson and Larimer;
- 16th Judicial District which includes the counties of Bent, Crowley, and Otero; and
- 20th Judicial District which includes Boulder County.

This bill extends the pilot program until June 30, 2022, eliminates the \$750,000 cap on total grant awards, and requires the Judicial Department to submit reports to the General Assembly on the pilot program.

## **State Expenditures**

This bill increases General Fund costs in the Judicial Department by \$442,543 in both FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21. The FY 2019-20 appropriation in the Long Bill for the Judicial Department includes \$750,000 in funding for the Mental Health Criminal Justice Diversion Grant Program, however total program costs are expected to be \$1,192,543. The difference of \$442,543, ensures full funding for the program in FY 2019-20. It is assumed an additional \$442,543 will also be needed in FY 2020-21. Workload will also increase by a minimal amount to provide the required report on November 1, 2019, and each November thereafter until the program repeals in 2022.

## **Local Government Impact**

By increasing the amount of funding for the Mental Health Criminal Justice Diversion Grant Program, this bill may increase the amount of grant funds received by the District Attorneys offices in the four pilot program districts.

## **Effective Date**

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 16, 2019.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2019-20, this bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$442,543 from the General Fund to the Judicial Department.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Judicial