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Bill Topic: NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS INVESTIGATION CHILD ABUSE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to create a document that contains a notice of rights to parents involved in dependency and neglect investigation. The bill will increase state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2020-21, this bill requires an appropriation of \$35,500 to the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1277

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS), based on recommendations from the Child Protection Ombudsman (CPO) and the Office of Respondents Parents' Council (ORPC), to develop a standard written document containing notice of rights afforded to all parents involved in an investigation of child abuse or neglect by December 1, 2020. The CPO and ORPC must submit their recommendations to the DHS by November 1, 2020.

State Expenditures

In FY 2020-21 only, this bill will increase state General Fund expenditures in the CPO by \$35,500 to take lead on the recommendations and hire contractors to provide research, draft recommendations, and facilitate stakeholder engagement on development of the required document. The bill will also increase workload in the DHS and the ORPC to create the document and to work with the CPO in drafting recommendations, respectively. The fiscal note assumes that the increase in workload for these agencies can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$35,500 to the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman.

State and Local Government Contacts

Child Protection Ombudsman
Information Technology

Human Services
Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel