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HB 20-1277

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 20-0751  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Geitner

**Date:** August 19, 2020  
**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
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**Bill Topic:** NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS INVESTIGATION CHILD ABUSE

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill would have required 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 would have increased state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only.

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

**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1277**

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$35,500	-
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## **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**

This bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee on May 27, 2020.

## **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