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HB 20-1297

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

Drafting Number: LLS 20-0845
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Baisley; Singer
Sen. Lundeen

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **IMMUNIZATION STATUS AND CHILD ABUSE NEGLECT**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

This bill clarifies that refusing an immunization for a child not constitute child abuse or neglect. This bill potentially decreases state and local costs and workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that refusing an immunization for a child or opting to exclude immunization notification information from the Immunization Tracking System does not constitute child abuse or neglect.

State Expenditures

The fiscal note assumes that a dependency and neglect case would not be opened solely for failure to vaccinate. However, to the extent that the bill results in fewer investigations of dependency and neglect, workload to the Judicial Department, the Office of the Child's Representative, and the Office of the Respondent Parents' Council will decrease.

Local Government

To the extent the bill results in fewer dependency and neglect investigations and fewer children in the child welfare system, expenditures and workload in county departments of human services will decrease. The fiscal note assumes that any decrease in expenditures and workload will be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on July 10, 2020, and takes effect on September 14, 2020, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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