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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Rich; Daugherty Sen. Donovan; Coram	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: SUICIDE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, & POSTVENTION

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

The bill makes several updates to the state's suicide resources to include a comprehensive suicide prevention component. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill updates the powers and duties of the Suicide Prevention Commission and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to include a comprehensive suicide prevention approach that includes prevention, intervention, and postvention. The bill also requires updates to resources provided by the CDPHE. Specifically, it requires the CDPHE to prepare written region-specific information for health care providers on how to recognize and respond to suicidal patients. This will include separate information to be shared with patients, and for health facilities to provide to a person prior to their release from the facility.

The bill also updates the guidelines for awarding grants from the Crisis and Suicide Prevention Training Grant Program to public schools to include train-the-trainer programs for employees who have not received such training. Priority is also given to train-the-trainer programs that prepare attendees to teach teen behavior and mental health training courses and improve overall the school climate and promote teen behavioral and mental health. Finally, the bill updates the Mental Health Education Literacy Resource Bank in the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Suicide Prevention Plan to include a comprehensive suicide prevention component and training on behavioral health and suicide prevention.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload for staff in multiple agencies, including the CDPHE and the Colorado Department of Education, to update materials to include comprehensive suicide prevention. In addition, workload will increase for the CDPHE to develop written information for health care providers about how to recognize and respond to suicide. This fiscal note assumes this work can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 22, 2021, and takes effect on September 7, 2021, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Departmental Difference

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment estimates that the bill will require \$53,536 and 0.5 FTE in FY 2021-22 to develop region specific information and \$23,197 and 0.3 FTE in FY 2022-23 and future years to update the information. The fiscal note assumes that the department currently has the expertise and resources to accomplish the requirements of the bill within existing resources.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education
Public Health and Environment

Information Technology
Public Safety