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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Gonzales Rep. Benavidez; Kipp	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate Business
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**Bill Topic:** REMOVE LAWFUL PRESENCE VERIFICATION CREDENTIALING

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**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

The bill specifies that lawful presence verification is not required for credential applications for regulated professionals. It increases workload in state agencies in FY 2021-22 only.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduce bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill specifies that the verification of lawful presence is not required of an applicant for a license, certificate, or registration to practice a regulated profession, and removes such requirements from the Department of Education and the Department of Regulatory Agencies. The bill also clarifies that this exclusion is state law with regards to eligibility for state and local public benefits.

## State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in some state agencies in FY 2021-22 only. To the extent that any agency requires lawful presence verification for credentialing in a regulated profession, that agency will update application procedures, forms, or online portals to remove or replace the requirement. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

To the extent that any agency forgoes lawful presence verification activities without replacing them for a different requirement, workload in that agency may decrease. Any such workload reduction is expected to be minimal.

**State and local benefits programs.** Some public benefits programs, such as the Dental Health Care Program for Seniors, may see an increase to the eligible population due to the bill. This may result in a decrease in the per capita benefit or an increase to the waiting list, depending on the structure of the benefit program.

### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

All state agencies

Counties

Municipalities