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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: MEASURES TO PREVENT THE MISUSE OF SAFE2TELL

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 updates when Safe2Tell information may be released to law enforcement agencies. The bill increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows the Attorney General to disclose any materials or information obtained through Safe2Tell to law enforcement if the disclosure is deemed necessary for the prevention of imminent physical harm or serious bodily injury. The bill also allows a district court, following a camera review, to issue a court order for production of records if there is probable cause that a person falsely reported an emergency to Safe2Tell. Any information released must be kept confidential unless a court lifts the sealing and confidentiality following an in-camera review. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Law to update Safe2tell materials to include an explanation of when a student's report may not remain anonymous.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2021-22, trial court workload within the Judicial Department will increase to conduct reviews for search warrants and for sealing records. In addition, litigation workload in the Department of Law will increase if the department disputes the cause for a search warrant. Workload to both departments is assumed to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations. Finally, the fiscal note assumes that updating Safe2Tell materials will be done digitally and that the increase in workload will be minimal.

Local Government

Workload to district attorney offices will increase to attend any in-camera reviews related to a case of false reporting. Workload is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 30, 2021.

State and Local Government Contacts

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