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# Fiscal Note

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**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Moreno      **Bill Status:** Senate Appropriations  
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**Bill Topic:**      **CDPHE APPROPRIATION PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE**

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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

This bill makes an appropriation to the Department of Public Health and Environment for state and local public health administration and support. The bill increases state and local expenditures in FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

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**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2021-22, the bill includes an appropriation of \$21.0 million to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-243**

		<b>Budget Year FY 2021-22</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2022-23</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$21,090,149	\$21,090,149
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires the General Assembly to appropriate \$21.0 million annually to the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for three fiscal years starting in FY 2021-22 for state and local public health administration and support.

## **Background**

The Division of Disease Control and Public Health Response, housed in the CDPHE, was created in FY 2020-21 to respond to public health concerns and emergencies and works closely with local public health agencies to fulfill these responsibilities. The division is composed of three units that were previously standalone entities: the Disease Control Environmental Epidemiology Division; the Laboratory Services Division; and the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Through the budget process, the CDPHE requested \$31.0 million in General Fund and 121.4 FTE for FY 2021-22 and \$28.0 million General Fund and 157.2 FTE for FY 2022-23 (BA-02 - Public Health Infrastructure). This funding was not included in the FY 2021-22 Long Bill (Senate Bill 21-205). The appropriation included in this bill, plus an additional \$10 million in one-time federal funding that has been identified by CDPHE, would fund the CDPHE request for FY 2021-22. This anticipated federal funding does not carry forward into future fiscal years.

## **State Expenditures**

For FY 2021-22 through FY 2023-24, the bill increases annual expenditures in the CDPHE by \$21,090,149 from the General Fund, as described in more detail below.

**Division of Disease Control and Public Health Response.** Starting in FY 2021-22, the CDPHE will use \$11,090,149 appropriated from the General Fund to support the division for administration and support, research, outreach, laboratory services and emergency preparedness and disaster response activities.

**Local public health agencies.** Starting in FY 2021-22, the CDPHE will distribute \$10,000,000 to local public health agencies across the state for administration and support.

## **Local Government**

For FY 2021-22 through FY 2023-24, the bill will provide the state's 53 local public health agencies with \$10.0 million in additional funding for administration and support services. The amount that each agency receives will vary by location, but distribution is largely based on population size. The exact disbursement of funding has not been estimated for this fiscal note.

## **Effective Date**

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

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2021-22, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$21,090,149 to the Department of Public Health and Environment. Of this amount:

- \$11,090,149 is for the Division of Disease Control and Public Health Response; and
- \$10,000,000 is for local public health agencies.

The CDPHE is also expected to receive \$10,060,325 in federal funds to support public health infrastructure, which does not require an appropriation. The fiscal note estimates that General Fund appropriation to the Division of Disease Control and Public Health Response will support an allocation of 121.4 FTE.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties	Information Technology
Local Affairs	Public Health and Environment