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# **Fiscal Note**

LLS 23-0504

Bill Status: House Public & Behavioral Health **Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Story; Willford Fiscal Analyst: Shukria Maktabi | 303-866-4720 shukria.maktabi@coleg.gov **Bill Topic:** MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS REPORTING EXEMPTION Summary of ☐ State Revenue □ TABOR Refund **Fiscal Impact:** □ Local Government □ State Transfer ☐ Statutory Public Entity

> The bill exempts mental health professionals from the requirement to report information on individuals with sexually transmitted infections to public health entities.

**Date:** January 20, 2023

This bill increases state workload beginning in FY 2023-24.

**Appropriation** Summary:

No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note** Status:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

### **Summary of Legislation**

The bill exempts mental health professionals from the existing requirement to report specified information on individuals who test positive for sexually transmitted infections to the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) or local public health agencies.

### State Expenditures

Workload will increase for state agencies that regulate or employ mental health professionals, including, but not limited to, the Department of Regulatory Agencies, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Corrections, to notify mental health professionals of the changes in reporting requirements and update rules. Workload will decrease in CDPHE to the extent that it receives fewer notifications. These workload changes are expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

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#### **Local Government**

Similar to the state, workload in local governments will decrease to the extent that local public health agencies receive fewer reports of sexually transmitted infections. This change in workload is expected to be minimal.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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

Information Technology Regulatory Agencies **Human Services** 

Public Health and Environment