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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: CREATE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
Cash Funds	<u>Potential increase.</u>	
State Expenditures	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
Cash Funds	500,000	500,000
Appropriation Required: \$500,000 - Board of Regents of the University of Colorado (FY 2017-18).		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates a pilot program in the College of Nursing in the University of Colorado to make grants for organizations providing medication-assisted treatment to persons with opioid use disorders in Pueblo and Routt counties. The program is funded by an annual appropriation of \$500,000 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund (MTCF) for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 only. Any unexpended moneys are returned to the MTCF. The program is repealed as of June 30, 2020.

Grants. The College of Nursing is charged with developing program guidelines and procedures, in collaboration with a newly created advisory board, including time frames for applying for grants, the form of the application, distribution time lines, technical assistance, consultation, and evaluation of the grant program. Grants must be awarded as soon as possible in FY 2017-18, but no later than January 2018. Grant funding is to be used for assisting nurse practitioners and physician's assistants to obtain training and support to prescribe medications, such as buprenorphine, and to increase access to medication-assisted treatment. The bill establishes minimum criteria for applying for a grant and reporting requirements for grantees.

Advisory Board. The board consists of representatives of the College of Nursing, the State Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force, the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, the Colorado Nurses Association, the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Colorado, and at least one medical or public health professional from each county.

State Revenue

The bill may increase cash fund revenue if the College of Nursing accepts any gifts, grants, or donations for the pilot program. No source of such funding has been identified as of this writing and any receipts are TABOR exempt.

State Expenditures

This bill increases state expenditures in the University of Colorado's College of Nursing by up to \$500,000 per year for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 only. It may also increase expenditures in the state's Medicaid program over the same period, as discussed below.

University of Colorado College of Nursing. Costs will increase by \$500,000 per year to administer a grant program. This amount includes an estimated \$132,500 per year for program administration and \$367,500 per year for grants. The amount and number of grants distributed will be based on the number of eligible applications.

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). To the extent this bill results in additional persons applying for or using Medicaid benefits to treat opioid use disorders, costs will increase. This analysis assumes that should this occur, HCPF will request additional appropriations through the annual budget process.

Local Government Impact

To the extent that local government agencies apply for and receive grant funding, revenue and expenditures will increase. These amounts have not been estimated.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

The bill requires an appropriation of \$500,000 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado for allocation to the College of Nursing.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Health Care Policy And Financing
Higher Education	Information Technology
Local Affairs	Municipalities
Public Health And Environment	Revenue