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**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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

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Rep. Thurlow

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BILL TOPIC: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY DHS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures section.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal workload impact.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, reports to the General Assembly are scheduled to repeal after three years, unless the General Assembly continues them through a bill. This bill, originally recommended by the Statutory Revision Committee, continues various reports submitted to the General Assembly by the Colorado Department of Human Services (DHS), allows other reports to repeal, and adds future repeal dates for others. The topic of these reports, and their status under the bill, are described below.

Reports to the General Assembly that continue indefinitely:

- out-of-home placement data in child welfare system (Section 4);
- emergency possession of abandoned of children (Section 5);
- annual report on the operations of the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman (Section 6) (Note: the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman was relocated from the DHS to the Judicial Department in 2016);
- traumatic brain injury services and trust fund balance (Section 8);
- Child Care Assistance Program services and enrollment (Section 10);
- Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project (Section 11);
- family preservation services (Section 12);
- Colorado Infant and Toddler Quality and Availability Program (Section 14);
- veterans community living centers and the sale of land at the Fort Logan cemetery (Section 15);
- early intervention services (Section 16); and
- substance use disorder services and managed services organizations (Section 17).

Reports to the General Assembly that are given a future repeal date:

- rate setting for residential treatment providers (Section 7) - report to the Joint Budget Committee continues annually through 2020; and
- use of electronic benefits transfer services at restricted locations (Section 9) - report to the General Assembly continued through 2019.

Reports to the General Assembly and/or other agencies that are repealed immediately:

- child support guidelines and information (Section 1);
- drug diversion program for controlled substances (Section 2);
- juvenile facility recidivism (Section 3);
- child care resource and referral system (Section 13); and
- costs and effectiveness of alcohol and drug abuse programs (Section 18).

State Expenditures

The bill will have a minimal impact on the workload of the DHS and the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman in the Judicial Department. These reporting activities generally occur as part of the ongoing operations of the DHS and Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman, so continuation of these reports will have a minimal impact on workload. Further, in some cases the complete discontinuation of a report will result in workload savings, and in other cases discontinuing a report to the General Assembly will not impact workload since the DHS will continue reporting to other agencies. Overall, no change in appropriations is required in this bill.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 28, 2017, and takes effect August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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