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Bill Topic: AGE OF DELINQUENCY STUDY

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires the Age of Delinquency Task Force of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to study and make recommendations on various issues involving young adults age 18 to 20 years old.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2019-20, the bill requires an appropriation of \$350,000 in FY 2019-20 to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 19-1149

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21. Rows include Revenue, Expenditure (General Fund), Transfer, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Age of Delinquency Task Force of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to study and make recommendations on various issues involving young adults 18 to 20 years old. Specifically, the bill requires the task force to:

- collect data regarding criminal filings in the last three years on defendants who are young adults (ages 18 to 20);
- study established brain research on young adults;
- study potential impacts on the juvenile justice system or youthful offender system if they served young adults; and
- create a report with recommendations on the appropriate uses of the juvenile justice system for young adults, to the commission and the General Assembly by March 31, 2020.

Assumptions

The fiscal note assumes that work for the task force will be rearranged so no additional meetings of the task force are necessary; therefore no additional meeting expenses will be incurred. The fiscal note further assumes that the bill will be signed by May 1, 2019, when work to collect data will begin and continue into July. Beginning July 1, 2019, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will convene the task force to determine what outcomes and measures the task force needs to track. Further, the DPS will issue a request for proposals (RFP) to contract with a vendor to gather the data that is not already available, conduct research and review the juvenile justice system, and make recommendations. The fiscal note further assumes that the contractor will gather data and report back to the task force by February 2020, leaving the task force a month to review the report prior to submitting it to the General Assembly.

State Expenditures

Under the bill, state General Fund expenditures will increase by at least \$350,000 in FY 2019-20. Additional workload and potential costs will be incurred through FY 2020-21. These impacts are described below.

Department of Public Safety. Costs in the DPS will increase by \$350,000 in FY 2019-20 to contract with a vendor to conduct the required study. This cost is based on similar statewide studies. However, costs may differ depending on the outcomes and measures identified, and the results of the RFP. The DPS will also have an increase in workload to issue the RFP, oversee the vendor, coordinate data collection with other agencies and review the final report. To the extent costs differ from this estimate it is assumed they will be handled through the annual budget process.

Other agencies. Workload will increase in the Judicial Department, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Human Services to gather and provide any relevant data and to work with the task force and vendor on this study. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriation.

Local Government

To the extent that the task force or vendor requests data from the Denver County Court, municipal courts, district attorneys, or from local law enforcement agencies, costs and workload to these agencies will increase.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2019-20, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$350,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

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