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HB 20-1028

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: NEED FOR JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

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

This bill requires the School Safety Resource Center in the Department of Public Safety to convene a working group to study the issue of the state need for residential treatment beds for children and youth. The bill will increase state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only.

Appropriation Summary: This bill requires an appropriation of \$108,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as recommended by the School Safety Committee.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1028

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22. Rows include Revenue, Expenditure (General Fund), Transfer, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the School Safety Resource Center in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to convene a working group of stakeholders to study the issue of the availability of residential mental health treatment for children and youth. The working group must include representatives from the Department of Education, the Department of Public Health and Environment, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, local school districts, the Department of Human Services, county departments of human or social services, medical providers, and residential treatment providers. The working group must address the issues of:

- the number of children and youth for whom the state provided residential treatment;
- the number of children and youth who were in need of residential treatment;
- the costs associated with providing additional residential treatment beds;
- the options available to assist schools in handling children and youth who are in need of services; and
- developing a plan for identifying, securing, and making fully operational additional residential treatment beds.

The bill requires the School Safety Resource Center to do this work within existing resources, and to present the report to the General Assembly during the DPS SMART Act presentation in 2021.

State Expenditures

For FY 2020-21 only, this bill increases costs in the DPS by \$108,000 to hire a consultant to lead the working group, engage stakeholders, and compile data and research. Based on recent contract work done by DPS, the fiscal note assumes a consultant rate of \$225 hour. In addition, it is assumed that the consultant will work 20 hours a week for 24 weeks. Currently, the bill requires the DPS to accomplish this work using existing appropriations.

In addition, workload to the Departments of Education, Public Health and Environment, Health Care Policy and Financing, and Human Services will increase in FY 2020-21 to participate in the working group. It is assumed that this increase in workload is absorbable within existing appropriations.

Local Government

Similar to the state, in FY 2020-21, county departments of human or social services and school districts who participate in the working group will have a workload increase.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

While the bill specifies that the Department of Public Safety shall implement the bill using current resources, the fiscal note estimates that this bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$108,000 to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2020-21

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Health Care Policy and Financing

Information Technology

Public Safety

Education

Human Services

Public Health and Environment

School Districts