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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Woodward; Ginal Rep. Kipp; Titone	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: CONSENT TO SHELTER AND SERVICES BY HOMELESS YOUTH

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill allows youth who are 15 years of age or older to consent to receiving shelter services from a licensed homeless youth shelter in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department of Human Services. The bill increases state workload in FY 2020-21 only.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, licensed child care facilities, licensed homeless youth shelters, and licensed host family homes may provide crisis intervention and alternative residential services to homeless youth. This bill allows these facilities to provide shelter and family reconciliation services to homeless youth as well. The bill also allows homeless youth who are at least 15 years old to consent to receive these services without requiring parental consent, in accordance with rules to be promulgated by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

The bill also extends the time period during which homeless youth facilities must attempt reconciliation between homeless youth and their parent or legal guardian from 48 hours to 72 hours from the time of intake.

Additionally, a homeless youth shelter does not need to notify a homeless youth's parent or legal guardian that the youth is being sheltered under the following circumstances:

- the youth refuses to provide their parent or legal guardian's contact information;
- the youth's parent or legal guardian is deceased; or
- the shelter director, or other person in charge, believes that notifying the parent or legal guardian would not be in the youth's best interest due to an imminent risk of abuse or neglect.

Under these circumstances, the shelter must instead notify the appropriate county department within 24 hours from the time of admission.

State Expenditures

In FY 2020-21 only, the bill will increase workload in the DHS to promulgate rules related to homeless youth consenting to receive shelter services. The increase in workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 26, 2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

Child Protection Ombudsman
Information Technology

Counties
Municipalities

Human Services
Office of the Child's Representative