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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Gardner Rep. Tipper; Snyder	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate Judiciary
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**Bill Topic:** UNIFORM COLLABORATIVE LAW ACT

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input checked="" 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 authorizes a collaborative law process that allows disputes to be resolved without intervention by a court or tribunal. The bill may minimally impact state revenue and workload on an ongoing basis.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

This bill enacts the Uniform Collaborative Law Act. The uniform law authorizes the collaborative law process, which is a form of alternative dispute resolution that allows disputes to be resolved without the intervention of the courts or a tribunal. The bill includes provisions related to collaborative law participation agreements and clarifies when information is considered confidential.

## State Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue and workload may decrease for the Judicial Department and the Department of Law if disputes are resolved outside of court. Conversely, if more individuals file claims related to violations or noncompliance of agreements made through the collaborative law process, revenue and workload may increase for the trial courts in the Judicial Department. The fiscal note assumes a limited number of case filings will be affected by the bill; therefore, no change in appropriations is required.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect January 1, 2022, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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