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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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

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Prime Sponsor(s):	Rep. Beckman Sen. Fields		Signed into Law Kerry White (303-866-3469)

BILL TOPIC: DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017 (current year)	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019			
State Revenue						
State Expenditures	Potential workload and expenditure increases.					
Appropriation Required: None.						
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing potential workload and expenditure increases.						

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that a juvenile court has jurisdiction to enter civil protection orders in dependency and neglect actions, upon the motion of the city or county attorney, guardian ad litem, or respondent parent counseling, following the same standards and procedures as district and county courts. Civil protection orders issued by a juvenile court must be entered into the central registry for protection orders and are enforced in the same manner as those issued by other courts. If a civil protection order is made permanent, it remains in effect after the juvenile court action is terminated.

The clerk of the court is required to file a certified copy of a permanent civil protection order in an existing district court case, if applicable, or with the county court in the county in which the protected party resides. If the person who is the subject of the protection order has not been personally served, a peace officer responding to a call for assistance is required to serve a copy of the order to that person.

State Expenditures

Beginning in the current FY 2016-17, this bill may increase workload and costs for agencies within the Judicial Department. First, it may increase workload for juvenile courts by a minimal amount if additional civil protection orders are requested. Second, it may increase costs for agencies that are involved with juvenile court proceedings, including the Office of the Child's Representative and the Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, for making motions, training and the amount of attorney time spent on these matters. As of this writing, these impacts are assumed to be minimal; however, affected agencies may request additional appropriations through the annual budget process if required.

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Local Government Impact

To the extent that this bill increases the number civil protection orders issued which have not been previously served personally, workload will increase for local law enforcement to serve copies to affected persons. Similar to the state, workload may also increase for city and county attorneys to file motions for civil protection orders. These workload increases are anticipated to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 4, 2017.

State and Local Government Contacts

Human Services Information Technology Judicial

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