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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN,

AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN

APPROPRIATION.

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2013-2014                    | FY 2014-2015 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| State Revenue         |                                 |              |
| State Expenditures    | See State Expenditures section. |              |
| FTE Position Change   | (1.0 FTE)                       | (1.0 FTE)    |

**Effective Date:** The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2013, and House Bill 13-1117 was signed into law on May 7, 2013. Thus, Sections 2, 3, and 5 through 9 take effect on July 1, 2013, and Sections 4, 10, and 11 do *not* take effect.

Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: See State Appropriations section.

**Local Government Impact:** None.

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires the board of the Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program to convene a group of interested parties to create a statewide youth development plan that identifies key issues and aligns strategic efforts to achieve positive outcome for all youths. The bill also specifies that up to \$300,000 in grant funding for FY 2013-14 may be used for technical assistance grants to community-based organizations. Specifically, the youth development plan must:

- identify initiatives and strategies, organizations, and gaps in coverage that affect youth development outcomes;
- identify services, funding, and partnerships necessary to ensure successful transition to adulthood:
- determine what is necessary in terms of community involvement and development;
- identify existing youth service organizations, including demographics of youths served, current services, and capacity;
- identify successful youth development strategies nationally and in Colorado; and
- create a shared vision for how a strong youth development network can be created and measured.

The plan must include a baseline measure of youth activities, which may include data and resources collected on youth risk behavior such as those contributing to injury and violence; sexual behaviors contributing to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; alcohol, tobacco, and drug use; unhealthy dietary behaviors; and inadequate physical activity. Data may also be used from various state agencies.

The report is required to be completed by September 30, 2014 and biennially thereafter. The report is to be discussed as part of the annual SMART act hearing beginning in January 2015. The bill specifies that the Department of Human Services (DHS) is required to conduct the report if the Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program is transferred from the Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) under House Bill 13-1117. If the program is not transferred, the DPHE is responsible for the report.

## **State Expenditures**

While the bill increases workload in the DPHE, existing staff is available to conduct the youth development plan required by the bill. However, if House Bill 13-1117 becomes law, these resources must be transferred in the bill to the DHS. If HB 13-1117 does not become law, workload associated with the youth development plan remains in the DPHE. Additional detail on these costs and other aspects of the bill are provided below.

Youth development plan. The bill increases workload in the Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program beginning in FY 2013-14 to assist the program's board in creating and updating the statewide youth development plan, including creating measures, conducting outreach with stakeholders and community groups, and other tasks. It is assumed that existing program staff can work with stakeholders to complete the required report and no additional appropriation is required. Other state agencies referenced in the bill can provide data to assist in the development of the youth development plan at no additional cost. For FY 2013-14, the DPHE is appropriated \$133,248 General Fund and 2.0 FTE for interagency prevention programs coordination that will be used to conduct the youth development plan under the bill. One position is currently vacant and does not need to be filled. Therefore, of this amount, all the funding and 1.0 FTE should be transferred to the DHS if HB 13-1117 becomes law.

*Grant funding*. The bill specifies that \$300,000 may be used for one grant cycle to provide technical assistance grants to community-based prevention and intervention organizations that work with youths. This grant funding must be used to assist with independent certification of organizations as an evidence-based program for changing youth behaviors and promoting positive youth development outcomes. The fiscal note assumes that the grant funding referenced in this provision of the bill is from existing appropriations to the Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program.

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## **State Appropriations**

Conditional upon HB 13-1117 becoming law, the bill requires the following adjustments in General Fund appropriations:

• an increase of \$133,284 and 1.0 FTE in the DHS; and

• a decrease of \$133,284 and 2.0 FTE in the DPHE.

## **Departments Contacted**

Public Health and Environment Higher Education Human Services Education Health Care Policy and Financing