

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 13-0065  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Gardner

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**Bill Status:** House Judiciary  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE "UNIFORM DEPLOYED PARENTS CUSTODY AND VISITATION ACT".

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Minimal impact. See State Expenditures section.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill, *recommended by the Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws*, establishes the Uniformed Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act. Among other things, the bill sets forth provisions addressing custodial responsibility, caretaking, and decision-making authority when a parent who is a uniformed service member is deployed. Procedures for issuing and terminating temporary orders relating to custody and visitation during a deployment are also included.

**State Expenditures**

To comply with the bill, the courts must expedite certain custody hearings, accommodate testimony by electronic means, and adhere to other standards in the bill when addressing cases involving deployed parents in domestic relations cases. However, the bill is not expected to have a significant effect on workload in the courts as current practices in family law cases involving deployed parents are similar to the many of the procedures set forth in the bill. Any impact on workload is assumed to be minimal and can be handled within existing appropriations to the Judicial Department.

**Departments Contacted**

Judicial      Human Services      Counties