

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 15-0623  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Fields

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**Bill Status:** House Judiciary  
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**BILL TOPIC:** CHILD'S STATEMENTS OF ATTEMPTED SEXUAL CRIMES

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary*</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>	<b>FY 2016-2017</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>			
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Minimal increase.		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>			
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.			

\* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill allows out-of-court statements by a child who is the victim of, or a witness to, an attempted sexual offense to be used as admissible evidence in court. Currently, this exception to objections of hearsay only exists for such statements about completed sexual offenses, not attempted acts.

**State Expenditures**

Beginning in FY 2014-15, the bill may minimally increase workload in the trial courts in the Judicial Department by allowing these types of statements to be admitted as evidence in cases of attempted sexual offenses where there is not an accompanying charge of a completed offense. This is not expected to significantly impact the overall workload in the courts and no changes in appropriations are required.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature, and applies to statements introduced at proceedings on or after that date.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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