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### Fiscal Summary

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#### **LCS TITLE: RIGHTS OF PARENTS**

#### **Fiscal Summary of Initiative 204**

This fiscal summary, prepared by the nonpartisan Director of Research of the Legislative Council, contains a preliminary assessment of the measure's fiscal impact. A full fiscal impact statement for this initiative is or will be available at [leg.colorado.gov/bluebook](http://leg.colorado.gov/bluebook). This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

**State and local government spending.** The measure amends the Constitution to state parents have certain rights, including sole discretion concerning the wellbeing of their children. The exact impact to state and local government from this change depend on future policy decisions, legislation, and court decisions regarding the application of this right. Areas of government that may be affected include education, health care, child welfare, and the courts, among others.

**Economic impacts.** The economic impacts of the measure are unknown and depend on future actions and decisions made by policymakers and the public. To the extent the measure changes educational, medical, and health decisions for children, outcomes for those children may change.