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# **Final Fiscal Note**

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**Prime Sponsors:** 

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Bill Topic:	INDEPENDENT AGENCY APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS
Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<b>No fiscal impact.</b> The bill adjusts hiring requirements for directors of independent judicial agencies. The bill has no impact on state or local revenues or expenditures.
Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.
Fiscal Note Status:	The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

### **Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, the directors of the Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC), the Alternate Defense Counsel (OADC), and the Office of the Child's Representative (OCR) must be licensed attorneys in Colorado for at least five years. The bill modifies this requirement by still requiring licensed attorney status for five years, but allowing licensure in another state provided the director obtains Colorado licensure within six months of their appointment.

### **Assessment of No Fiscal Impact**

The independent judicial agencies identified in the bill will update their hiring requirements for director-level positions. This change will have no effect on agency workload or any impact on state revenues or expenditures. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 11, 2024 and takes effect on August 7, 2024, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

All Independent Judicial Agencies

Judicial

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the <u>General Assembly website</u>.