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Bill Topic: COLORADO REFUGEE SERVICES PROGRAM

**Summary of
Fiscal Impact:** **No fiscal impact.** The bill codifies the existing Colorado Refugee Services Program, and it is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Appropriation
Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note
Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill codifies the existing Colorado Refugee Services Program in the Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS is solely responsible for the development, review, and administration of the state plan under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, which allows the state to receive federal funds. The program must provide refugees with cash and medical assistance and social services.

Background and Assessment

In 1994, the Governor, through executive order, authorized DHS to administer the Colorado Refugee Services Program. DHS currently administers the program under the state plan and operates with federal funds. This codification of an existing program will result in no change to state or local government revenue or expenditures. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Human Services

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