

  
*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**FINAL**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

<b>Drafting Number:</b> LLS 11-0680	<b>Date:</b> June 28, 2011
<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Sen. Hudak; Newell Rep. Nikkel	<b>Bill Status:</b> Signed into Law
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING A STUDY OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures*</b> General Fund	\$27,020	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.4 FTE	
<b>Effective Date:</b> The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 23, 2011.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012:</b> None.		
<b>School District Impact:</b> None.		

*\* Existing appropriations are sufficient to fund this bill and no further appropriation is required. State expenditures are shown for information purposes only. Please see the State Expenditures section.*

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill creates a legislative task force to study and assess practices and statutes concerning zero tolerance practices in schools, and the interaction of school discipline practices with the juvenile justice system. The task force must include three legislators from each house of the General Assembly, and up to ten non voting members with experience and knowledge in the areas of school discipline and juvenile justice, selected jointly by the chair and vice chair of the task force. Non voting members are to serve without reimbursement for expenses or per diem.

The task force must hold at least four public meetings. In addition to any testimony or written comments received, the task force must review any available, non identifying state data collected by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), school districts, or law enforcement agencies. The task force may also solicit information from national research organizations that have expertise in evidence-based practices for addressing school discipline issues. The task force must report its finding and recommendations for legislation to the Legislative Council. The task force is repealed, effective July 1, 2012.

**State Expenditures**

The legislature is budgeted each year with resources to support a limited number of interim committees of the General Assembly. Funding is available for five committees during the 2011 interim. This interim committee has been designated by the Legislative Council to be one of the prioritized committees, and existing appropriations are sufficient to cover all costs to the branch. No additional appropriation is required. For information purposes, administrative costs for staff and for the cost for legislative member reimbursements and per diem are shown in Table 1.

The commission includes six legislators, all of whom are entitled to per diem and reimbursement for expenses. Reimbursement for travel and expenses is calculated to cover the cost of travel into the metro area. This fiscal note assumes the task force will meet six times during the interim.

<b>Table 1. Expenditures Under SB 11-133</b>	
<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2011-12</b>
Personal Services Senior Research Assistant (0.3 FTE) and Staff Attorney (0.1 FTE)	\$20,288
Committee Member Reimbursement (6 members * \$187 * 6 meetings)	6,732
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,020</b>

**Departments Contacted**

Education          Public Safety