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FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Bacon
 Rep. Murray

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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TITLE: CONCERNING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 23, 2011, and takes effect August 10, 2011, assuming no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill makes several modifications to state law governing the conduct of K12 teacher and administrator preparation programs at public, private, and proprietary institutions of higher education.

The bill specifies the minimum number of hours that must be completed by a candidate to qualify for an initial teacher license, a principal or administrator license, or other advanced degree or endorsement. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) must ensure that each educator preparation program is able to measure both the effectiveness of the program, and the effectiveness of graduates from the program. The institutions must conduct periodic surveys of graduates, employers, and educator identifier system data in order to measure effectiveness and modify their programs as necessary. The CCHE must adopt policies and procedures, including an appeals process, to discontinue any educator preparation program that has not had any candidate successfully graduate in the previous five years.

Under current law, each institution that offers an educator preparation program must submit an annual report to the Department of Higher Education (DHE). This bill requires that the DHE work with the institutions to obtain specific data that determines admission and enrollment patterns, completion rates, and effectiveness of the program; however, the institutions must prepare a formal report only when requested by DHE. The DHE, in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), is required to prepare an annual report of enrollment data, graduation rates,

program effectiveness, and outcome data. The DHE will notify the education committees of the General Assembly that the report is available to members upon request. No later than December 30, 2013, the CCHE must make recommendations for a new system to review, evaluate, and assist educator preparation programs that aligns with state law concerning K12 content standards, student assessments, teacher evaluation, and educator identifiers.

State Expenditures

Some costs savings are anticipated since the institutions and the DHE may have slightly fewer reporting requirements under this bill than what is required under current law; however the savings are anticipated to be minimal.

The DHE must begin working with the schools to make recommendations for a new system to review, evaluate, and assist educator preparation programs, and the institutions must increase existing efforts to track the effectiveness of their graduates. This fiscal note acknowledges that the administrative effort necessary to implement the bill may impact resources devoted to other priorities; however these costs can be met within existing appropriations and no additional appropriation is required.

Departments Contacted

Education Higher Education