

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Scheffel; Cadman **Bill Status:** Senate Judiciary
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BILL TOPIC: INTERIM COMMITTEE SAFE SCHOOLS YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	\$29,576	\$29,713
General Fund	\$25,857	\$25,857
Centrally Appropriated Costs**	\$3,719	\$3,856
FTE Position Change	0.3 FTE	0.3 FTE
Appropriation Required: \$25,857 - Legislative Department (FY 2015-16).		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

** These costs are not included in the bill's appropriation. See the State Expenditures section for more information.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the School Safety and Youth Mental Health Committee to study issues related to school safety and the prevention of threats to the safety of students, teachers, administrators, employees, and volunteers present on the grounds of public and private schools. The committee will study and evaluate programs and methods for identifying and monitoring students in crisis and develop standardized criteria for school personnel to use in assessing potential threats. The committee will make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning potential legislation to enhance school safety.

The committee will include eight voting legislative members and six nonvoting nonlegislative members representing various professions and backgrounds addressed in the bill. Appointments must be made by June 1, 2015, and each member may serve indefinitely. The eight voting legislative members may receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses and nonlegislative members will serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Legislative Council Staff will provide staff support to the committee and the committee will meet at least four times each legislative interim and may meet as necessary throughout the year.

State Expenditures

The bill increases costs in the Legislative Department by \$29,576 and 0.3 FTE in FY 2015-16 and \$29,713 and 0.3 FTE in FY 2016-17. The bill requires Legislative Council Staff to provide support to the committee. The fiscal note assumes that the committee will meet six times a year. Legislative Council Staff will require 0.3 FTE to help organize meetings, provide technical assistance, and assist in drafting committee recommendations each year.

The bill allows the eight appointed legislative voting members of the committee to receive per diem and necessary travel expenses. The fiscal note assumes this will cost on average \$187 per member per meeting and that the committee will meet six times for an annual cost of \$8,976 in both FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17.

Table 1. Expenditures Under SB 15-214		
Cost Components	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
Personal Services	\$16,881	\$16,881
FTE	0.3 FTE	0.3 FTE
Legislator Meeting Reimbursement	\$8,976	\$8,976
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$3,719	\$3,856
TOTAL	\$29,576	\$29,713

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are estimated in the fiscal note for informational purposes and summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Centrally Appropriated Costs Under SB 15-214*		
Cost Components	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$2,411	\$2,411
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	\$1,308	\$1,445
TOTAL	\$3,719	\$3,856

*More information is available at: <http://colorado.gov/fiscalnotes>

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

In FY 2015-16, the bill requires an appropriation of \$25,857 General Fund and an allocation of 0.3 FTE to the Legislative Department.

State and Local Government Contacts

Legislative Council Education Human Services Public Safety