

  
*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**STATE**  
**FINAL FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 07-0826  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Schwartz  
 Rep. Gallegos

**Date:** May 22, 2007  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING CREATION OF A COUNCIL TO FACILITATE COLLABORATION IN HEALTH CAREERS EDUCATION IN SOUTHERN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE SOUTHERN COLORADO COUNCIL FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH CAREERS EDUCATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
<b>Effective Date:</b> The bill was signed by the Governor and became law on May 14, 2007.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2007-2008:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill creates the Southern Colorado Council for Excellence in Health Careers Education. The bill specifies council membership and charges the council with facilitating collaboration between health education providers and health care providers to improve health care in southern Colorado. Beginning in July 2007, the council is required to meet on a quarterly basis each year. Council members serve without compensation or expense reimbursement. The council is authorized to request staff support from Adams State College and Trinidad State Junior College.

The council is required to:

- identify, recommend and assist in developing new health education programs to be offered by public educational institutions in southern Colorado;
- collaborate on strategies for increasing enrollment in such programs;
- increase collaboration between public education institutions and health care employers to enrich course work with internships and other hands-on experience;
- explore opportunities for developing shared facilities;
- explore possible public-private partnerships to create new funding sources to support students in health education programs;
- facilitate student's transition from school to work in health care careers;
- improve quality in health education programs offered in southern Colorado;

- promote community education programs concerning health care issues;
- recommend legislation to the General Assembly; and
- provide information concerning rural health education program issues to the General Assembly and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE).

The council is authorized to form task forces to work on these issues. On or before March 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the council is required to submit a report to the Education Committees of the General Assembly and the CCHE detailing its activities. Finally, Adams State College and Trinidad State Junior College are authorized to seek and accept gifts grants and donations in support of the council's activities.

### **State Expenditures**

*Adams State College and Trinidad State Junior College.* The bill authorizes the council to request staff assistance from these two institutions. In addition, these institutions are authorized to seek and accept gifts, grants and donations from public or private sources in support of the council's activities. To date, none have been identified.

### **Departments Contacted**

Higher Education