

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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 07-0587  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Stephens  
 Sen. Shaffer

**Date:** May 25, 2007  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATIONAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
<b>State Revenue</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
Cash Funds Exempt - State Public School Fund	\$ 150,000	\$ 0
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
<b>Effective Date:</b> The Governor signed the bill into law on May 23, 2007. The bill becomes effective July 1, 2007.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2007-2008:</b> See State Appropriations section.		
<b>School District Impact:</b> None		

**Summary of Legislation**

Within 60 days after the effective date of the bill, this bill requires the Office of Information Technology (OIT) in the Office of the Governor, to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for a comprehensive assessment of the current data technology system within the Department of Education. The assessment shall be performed subject to available appropriations, and will provide a baseline indicating the current data technology system's capabilities which clearly identifies specific areas in need of improvement.

On or before December 1, 2007, the Department of Education will report the findings and recommendations of the assessment to the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Educational Data Advisory Committee, and the State Charter School Institute.

**State Expenditures**

Based on discussions with private consultants, OIT estimates that a comprehensive assessment of the current data technology system within the Department of Education using outside sources will require \$150,000 in FY 2007-08. Any additional workload for OIT to issue the RFP and to provide support services regarding the RFP process and the final report will occur within the budgeted resources of OIT.

***Background Information on Audit Recoveries.*** Based on earlier estimates, the General Assembly has appropriated \$2,000,000 from audit recoveries collected in FY 2006-07 to pay for a portion of the State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding in FY 2006-07. The Department has indicated that to date, it has recovered \$4,443,609 in the current fiscal year. Audit recoveries that are not expended in FY 2006-07 will remain in the State Public School Fund and be available for appropriation in future fiscal years to cover a portion of the State Share. The bill appropriates \$150,000 of the \$2,443,609 remaining available, thereby reducing the amount of audit recoveries otherwise available for public school finance in FY 2007-08 and future fiscal years.

### **State Appropriations**

The bill contains an appropriation clause for \$150,000 CFE from the State Public School Fund to the Office of the Governor, for allocation to the Office of Information Technology, for FY 2007-08 for implementation of the bill. This amount is from moneys recovered from overpayments to school districts or the State Charter School Institute.

### **Departments Contacted**

Education

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