

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
  
**LOCAL**

**CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 07-0283  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Bacon  
 Rep. Pommer

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**Bill Status:** Senate Education  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES TO FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
<b>NET TOTAL</b>		
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	0	0
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor.		
<b>School District Impact:</b> Upon voter approval, school districts that meet the criteria identified in the bill may impose an additional property tax mill levy to fund full-day kindergarten programs.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Effective July 1, 2007, this bill authorizes school districts to seek voter approval to impose an additional mill levy to raise property taxes for purposes of funding a school district's excess full-day kindergarten costs. The school district may also request authorization to raise property tax revenue to meet the initial capital construction needs associated with the establishment of a full-day kindergarten program.

The bill precludes a school district that imposes this mill levy from participating in the full-day kindergarten component of the Colorado Preschool Program. A school district that funds a portion of its full-day kindergarten program with the additional mill levy would be allowed to charge tuition to out-of-district pupils enrolled in the locally funded portion of the full-day kindergarten program.

Since voter approval is required to increase the school district mill levy, the bill is assessed as having a conditional fiscal impact at the school district level. The bill has no state revenue or expenditure impact.

### **School District Impact**

Currently, 45 school districts in Colorado provide full-day kindergarten to 1,938 students, 100 percent of those districts' kindergarten populations. Sixty-five other school districts in the state provide full-day kindergarten to 16,384 students, ranging from 1 percent to 97 percent of their kindergarten populations. These programs are provided within the current revenue received by the school district, or by tuition that is charged for the second half of the school day. The Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program (CPKP) also provides funding for full-day kindergarten to 2,153 pupils. Out of 60,722 kindergarten students statewide, 33.8 percent, or 20,475 kindergarten students, receive full-time educational services.

Section 22-54-108, C.R.S., authorizes school districts to submit a question to voters to raise and spend additional local property tax revenues, subject to certain limitations. The additional property tax revenue is limited to 20 percent of the district's Public School Finance Act Total Program moneys, plus the cost of living adjustment calculation, less any specific ownership monies included in the General Fund collected in relation to the district's bond redemption fund. The current override question may include language that is very general in nature or can be for a more specific purpose (i.e., building maintenance, purchase of buses, funding full-day kindergarten).

Twelve school districts (Campo Re-6, Kit Carson R-1, Garfield County Re-2, East Grand 2, Durango 9-R, Ignacio 11 JT, Estes Park R-3, Moffat County Re-1, Aspen 1, Rangely Re-4, Hayden Re-1, and Telluride R-1) have reached their maximum limitations authorized under the current law. If these districts receive authorization to raise additional revenue to fund costs associated with full-day kindergarten programs, they would not be eligible to receive funding for full-day kindergarten through the CPKP. Of these school districts, only Campo Re-6 (\$6,369), Moffat County Re-1 (\$44,028), and Hayden Re-1 (\$37,937) presently receive CPKP funding. The number of school districts that would choose to seek voter approval to raise additional revenue to fund costs associated with full-day kindergarten programs is unknown.

### **Departments Contacted**

Education