



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
**STATE and LOCAL
 FISCAL IMPACT**

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TITLE: CONCERNING MEASURES TO INCREASE PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011
State Revenue Cash Funds Parent Involvement in Education Cash Fund	Potential Gifts, Grants, and Donations	
State Expenditures General Fund Cash Funds Parent Involvement in Education Cash Fund*	\$3,200	\$3,200
FTE Position Change	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
Effective Date: The bill is effective 90 days following final adjournment of the General Assembly unless a referendum petition is filed (August 4, 2009, if final adjournment is May 6, 2009).		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2009-2010: See State Appropriations section.		
School District Impact: See School District Impact section.		

* *Grant awards will make up the largest cost component of the program based on available appropriations or donations. There will also be administrative costs. Both grants and administrative costs are conditioned on sufficient money in the cash fund. See State Revenue and State Expenditure section for details.*

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Colorado State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). Composition of the council must include 5 parents of public school children in addition to representatives from federally-funded parent centers, teachers, administrators, school boards, state agencies, and education associations. The council will study and advise state agencies concerning best practices and strategies for increasing parent involvement in education and promoting family and school partnerships. The bill requires that appointments to several other state advisory boards include parents of public school children.

The bill creates the Parent Involvement in Education Grant Program in the CDE to assist public schools to increase parent involvement. School districts or Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) may apply for grants on behalf of public schools. The bill sets eligibility requirements for the schools and identifies the kinds of programs that may be funded.

The State Board of Education must promulgate rules for the grant program, and the advisory council shall review all grant applications and recommend recipient schools to the board. The board will make annual awards based on availability of funds. The bill creates the Parent Involvement in Education Grant Program Cash Fund to pay for the costs of the program, and to consist of any money the General Assembly appropriates to the fund, including any appropriation from the State Education Fund. The department may seek and accept gifts, grants, and donations. Both the advisory council and the grant program are repealed July 1, 2019.

Under current law, schools must have an advisory committee. This bill renames and replaces these with accountability committees and specifies requirements for their composition. Each school district and each public and district charter school is required to appoint or create a process for the election of an accountability committee. Charter schools may not substitute their governing body for a separate accountability committee.

State Revenue

The CDE is permitted to seek and accept gifts, grants, and donations for the grant program. No funding from these sources is identified.

State Expenditures

In both FY2009-10, and FY2010-11, this bill has a minimum cost of \$3,200 General Fund to the Colorado Department of Education to pay for advisory council meetings. Additional costs for grants will be based on the amount of revenue or appropriations to the fund. This fiscal note assumes that grants will be provided based on gifts, grants, or donations, and at the discretion of the General Assembly. ***For this reason, grants and administrative costs are identified as conditional fiscal impacts of the bill.***

Advisory Council. In FY 2008-09, the CDE added 30 FTE as a result of laws past in the 2008 legislative session. The department was not permitted to lease space for the new staff, and has converted much of their existing meeting space into office space. The proposed advisory council will have a membership of at least 21 people. For these reasons, there is insufficient meeting space available to host council meetings, and the department will need to lease space for this purpose. It is anticipated that the council will meet 8 times each year. The annual cost for these meetings is estimated at \$3,200 General Fund.

Grants - conditional fiscal impact. The bill is silent on the amount of money to be awarded by the grant program. After administrative costs have been met, this will be the largest cost component of the bill.

Program Administration - conditional fiscal impact. If money is available for grants, the department will require a senior consultant to implement the program and provide technical assistance to grant recipients. Staff will also manage communication and outreach for the program.

The need for 1.0 FTE assumes that the fund will receive at least \$1.0 million for grants. If total appropriations and donations are less than \$1.0 million, total FTE may be reduced. Assuming this minimum amount of fund balance, the associated personal service costs and operational expenses are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Conditional Expenditures Under SB09-090		
Cost Components	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11
Personal Services	\$74,768	\$74,768
FTE	1.0	1.0
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay*	10,678	5,450
TOTAL	\$85,446	\$80,218

**Includes travel and printing costs.*

School District Impact

Eligible schools may see increased revenue from grants beginning in FY 2009-10; however any award is conditioned on sufficient appropriations or donations to the cash fund. Charter schools that do not currently have a separate accountability committee may have expenses related to creating a new body within their charter. These costs are not quantified.

State Appropriations

In FY 2009-10, this bill requires a \$3,200 General Fund appropriation to the Colorado Department of Education.

Departments Contacted

Education	Higher Education
Human Services	Public Health and Environment