


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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 Sen. Penry

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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TITLE: CONCERNING PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS ASSESSMENTS PILOT PROGRAM.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011
State Revenue			
State Expenditures			
Cash Funds			
State Education Fund	(\$ 200,000)	\$ 200,000	
FTE Position Change			
Effective Date: The bill was signed by the Governor and became law on March 20, 2009.			
Appropriation Summary for FY 2009-2010: See State Appropriations section.			
Local Government Impact: None.			

Note: This fiscal note indicates that \$200,000 of expenditures that was initially budgeted for FY 2008-09 is moved into FY 2009-10. This change was not reflected in the bill's original fiscal note.

Summary of Legislation

The Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Assessments Pilot Program is part of the Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment Act (SB08-212) and is carried out by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). The purpose of the program is to collect data about assessments used to evaluate students for postsecondary and workforce readiness. This bill makes the following changes to the pilot program:

- ▶ assessments are no longer required to be provided in the spring semester only; and
- ▶ districts can require the assessment vendor to provide the CDE with assessment results directly, rather than the having the district relay results to the CDE.

State Expenditures

There are no new costs under this bill, however, \$200,000 of State Education Fund expenditures are moved from FY 2008-09 to FY 2009-10.

SB08-212 appropriated \$250,000 to the CDE in FY 2008-09 for administration of the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Assessments Pilot Program. The money was to reimburse pilot districts for the cost of assessments. As of February 4, 2009, the CDE selected 42 schools to participate in the project. Some of these schools were expected to administer the assessments in the spring term of 2009, others were expected to administer the tests in the fall of 2009 with the expectation that HB09-1046 would become law. Since fall administration of the tests occurs in FY 2009-10, \$200,000 of the original funding allocation must be moved from FY 2008-09 to FY 2009-10.

State Appropriations

For FY 2008-09, the State Education Fund appropriation to the Department of Education should be reduced by \$200,000. In FY 2009-10, the department requires an increase in State Education Fund appropriations by \$200,000. Since the original fiscal note did not reflect the requirement that the department's appropriation be addressed, the bill does not reflect any change in appropriations.

Departments Contacted

Education