

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO RAISE THE GRADUATION RATE IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN COLORADO,
AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Prime Sponsors: Reps. Middleton and Massey
Senator Bacon

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 03/02/09 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the House Appropriations Committee 03/20/09, the House 03/24/09, and the Senate Education Committee 04/16/09)

On 03/20/09, the House Appropriations Committee added an appropriations clause that appropriates \$157,772 cash funds from the newly created Student Re-Engagement Grant Program Fund and 2.0 FTE to the Department of Education, Assistance to Public Schools, Professional Development and Instructional Support, for FY 2009-10 to implement the bill.

On 03/24/09, the House on Second Reading made technical and conforming amendments to the bill.

On 04/16/09, the Senate Education Committee removed the requirement that the State Board of Education promulgate rules which define and calculate the "student engagement rate" and made other technical and clarifying amendments.

The amendments did not change the fiscal impact of the bill as delineated in the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note dated March 2, 2009. Legislative Council staff agrees with this assessment.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs **Does Not Concur** **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill includes an appropriations clause that appropriates \$157,772 cash funds from the newly created Student Re-Engagement Grant Program Fund and 2.0 FTE to the Department of Education, Assistance to Public Schools, Professional Development and Instructional Support, for FY 2009-10 to provide technical assistance, analyze data, write reports, evaluate policies, and other operating expenses.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

Need for New Cash Fund. The bill creates the new Student Re-Engagement Grant Program Fund, which would consist of both state moneys appropriated by the General Assembly for Student Re-Engagement Grant Program, and any gifts, grants, and donations that are received by the Department for the Program. **Is it likely that any gifts, grants, and donations will be received for this program? If not, is there any reason to create a new cash fund?**