# JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JOB TRAINING.

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#### <u>Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/19/10 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal</u> Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Senate Education Committee 02/25/10)

Pursuant to Joint Rule 22 (b) (2) the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note was written to the Senate Education Committee amendment that struck everything below the enacting clause, and so the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note reflects the impact of all amendments to date.

#### JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note



#### **Amendments/Appropriation Status**

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2010-11. Moneys in the Colorado CollegeInvest Scholarship Trust Fund and any moneys that spillover to the Teach Colorado Grant Initiative Fund created by the bill are continuously appropriated.

### **Bill Sponsor Amendments**

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

#### **Points to Consider**

1. The Joint Budget Committee introduced a package of bills to balance the FY 2010-11 budget that includes H.B. 10-1383, which takes \$45.2 million out of the Colorado CollegeInvest Scholarship Trust Fund to support the General Fund. If H.B. 10-1383 passes as introduced, the Department projects the remaining funds in the Colorado CollegeInvest Scholarship Trust Fund would be sufficient for current Early Achievers Scholarship grant recipients and juniors and seniors who have signed up for the program. Senate Bill 10-039 would then move money for juniors and seniors in the Early Achievers Scholarship grant program to the Teach Colorado Grant Initiative. The Early Achievers Scholarship helps low-income (defined as Pell-eligible) students who apply for the program in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade and commit to

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doing well in high school and attending college. The FY 2010-11 annual grant per recipient is \$1,000. The Department expects to serve 625 seniors and 625 juniors.

2. CollegeInvest recently notified schools that it will not originate new student loans in FY 2010-11. Federal legislation eliminates federal guaranteed loans like those CollegeInvest has historically originated in favor of direct lending from the federal government, with applications managed through schools. Since CollegeInvest will not be originating loans, there are not likely to be any new revenues earned by CollegeInvest that could be deposited to replenish the CollegeInvest Scholarship Trust Fund as scholarships are awarded out of the fund.