

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREDENTIALING OF SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS.

Summary of Legislation

This bill, *recommended by the Interim Committee to Study School Finance*, allows the Department of Education to issue an emergency authorization for a school district to hire a speech-language pathology (SLP) assistant who has not yet met the statutory requirements for such an authorization if the school district:

- requests an emergency authorization to employ an SLP assistant; and
- documents a demonstrated need for the services that the assistant would provide.

The state board of education must also determine that employment of the SLP assistant is essential to the preservation of the district's educational program. The bill takes effect August 11, 2010, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Assessment

This bill provides added flexibility for school districts that are in need of obtaining speech language pathology services. The provisions of this bill may marginally increase the number of emergency authorization applications, but is not anticipated to increase administrative costs. Thus, the bill does not affect state or local revenue or expenditures, and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

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