

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Romer

**Bill Status:** Senate Education

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING PROVIDING TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION TO FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, TRANSFERRING THE COLLEGE IN COLORADO DIVISION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

**Summary of Legislation**

College in Colorado, an initiative of the Department of Higher Education, provides web-based resources for students and families planning for higher education, or for post secondary careers. With amendment L.003, this bill codifies College in Colorado as an official office within the department and outlines the office's specific duties. The office's website, CollegeInColorado.org, is to be operated in consultation with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). The website must be interoperable with CDE's internet-based electronic data tool, which delivers school accountability information. College in Colorado is required to collaborate with CDE to analyze the data collected via the office website and to prepare a report of the analysis to the Education Committees of the General Assembly.

All publically funded schools are required to register each student enrolled in the district after 6<sup>th</sup> grade with CollegeInColorado.org. The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**Assessment**

This bill codifies College In Colorado as an office in the Department of Higher Education. The office is currently operating under executive order of the department, and no change in workload or expenses will occur as a result of this statutory change. The bill also requires that both the department and the CDE collaborate to share, analyze, and report information from the CollegeInColorado.org website. Since these efforts serve the existing work of each department, there are no additional costs.

School districts will have to ensure that each middle and high school student has an account created on the CollegeInColorado.org website. Creating an account requires additional data entry per student and will add administrative work for district personnel; however, this effort is anticipated to be slight and can be accomplished with existing resources. For these reasons, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Departments Contacted**

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