



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
**STATE and LOCAL
 FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Kerr A.

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Bill Status: House Education
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TITLE: CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL STRUCTURES SATISFY MINIMUM ENERGY-EFFICIENCY DESIGN STANDARDS.

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2010-2011 | FY 2011-2012 |
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| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | | |
| FTE Position Change | | |
| Effective Date: August 11, 2010, assuming the General Assembly adjourns May 12, 2010, as scheduled and no referendum petition is filed. | | |
| Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011: None required. | | |
| School District Impact: See School District and State Impact section. | | |

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows the State Fire Suppression Administrator in the Colorado Department of Public Safety, in consultation with the Governor's Energy Office (GEO), to adopt rules for the energy-efficient design and construction of school buildings. The rules must ensure that a school building achieves a satisfactory rating based on an energy and environmental design rating system developed by a nonprofit trade organization. On and after January 1, 2011, all districts and charter schools must ensure that any project to build or redesign school buildings satisfy the adopted rules.

School District and State Impact

The cost of school renovations and new school construction is borne primarily by the local school districts. The state contributes grants and provides technical assistance through the Division of Public School Capital Construction Assistance at the Colorado Department of Education. Since the department and the GEO have yet to adopt and establish rules for energy-efficient design and construction, the fiscal impact to conform to these building specifications is unknown. If the adopted standards exceed local construction criteria, higher construction costs can be anticipated; however, up-front investment in energy efficiency will save utility costs later, possibly repaying this investment.

Departments Contacted

Education Law Governor's Office Public Safety