



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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Carroll T.

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALITY STANDARDS FOR CHARTERING AUTHORITIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund	\$43,194	
FTE Position Change	0.5 FTE	
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: See State Appropriations section.		
School District Impact: See School District Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

No later than January 1, 2011, this bill requires that the State Board of Education adopt new standards for state entities to use when authorizing charter schools. Entities that authorize charter schools include public school districts and the state Charter School Institute (CSI). The bill specifies some minimum standards the board is required to adopt. The standards are to serve as a reference in decisions on charter school approvals, renewals, revocations, and appeals. The state board may appoint a committee of educators, parents, industry leaders, and other interested parties to assist in developing the standards.

No later than July 1, 2011, each local board of education and the CSI must certify that they meet or exceed the adopted standards when authorizing charter schools. The bill permits a third party that meets the adopted standards to contract to perform authorizing functions. The third party may include the CSI or a Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

State Expenditures

In FY 2010-11, this bill will result in total expenditures of \$43,194 General Fund and 0.5 FTE in the Colorado Department of Education. The department requires staff in FY 2010-11 to organize meetings and provide support to the appointed committee, research and develop specified

standards for charter school authorization, coordinate with department administration, and propose standards for adoption by the state board. Staff will also assist with collecting the required certification from each local board of education and the CSI. Staff will have travel costs to facilitate regional meetings and to ensure statewide input and participation. Total expenditures are displayed in Table 1.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HB10-1343	
Cost Components	FY 2010-11
Personal Services	\$37,384
FTE	0.5
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay	2,810
Travel & Conferences	3,000
TOTAL	\$43,194

Expenditures Not Included

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Expenditures Not Included Under HB10-1344*	
Cost Components	FY 2010-11
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$3,550
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	1,390
Indirect Costs	5,608
Workers Comp	237
TOTAL	\$10,785

**For more information: <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CGA-LegislativeCouncil/CLC/1200536133924>*

School District Impact

School districts and the Charter School Institute will need to participate in the adoption of standards, review proposals, attend technical assistance and training sessions, and certify that standards are incorporated into school charters and contracts. Participation in this process is not anticipated to create an administrative burden for local school districts and the effort needed to assist the board to adopt standards can be met with existing resources.

State Appropriations

For FY 2010-11, this bill requires an appropriation of \$43,194 General Fund and 0.5 FTE to the Colorado Department of Education.

Departments Contacted

Education