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LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Duran

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TITLE: CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 10, 2011, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2011, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
School District Impact: See School District Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires local school boards and the state charter school institute to adopt a policy of parental involvement by July 1, 2012, and include an annual review process. In addition, all district and institute charter schools must adopt and implement the district policy, and also hold an annual review. In the event a school is subject to a 'turnaround' plan — a program implemented by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to correct lower performing schools — the schools must notify parents within 60 days and hold a public meeting within 30 days after such notice, in order to address the issues identified by the CDE.

School District Impact

Programs addressing parental involvement exist in various forms among schools, districts and the CDE. Any school that lacks a policy may have some level of fiscal impact. Schools without effective communications with parents on school performance could also experience some level of fiscal impact. These costs are unknown and are conditional on the status of the school. School districts may also see increased expenditures in developing and implementing this policy. These costs, however, are expected to be minimal. Since guidance for local policies exists through state and national legislation, costs may be reduced by accessing these resources.

This bill permits school districts to accept gifts, grants and donations to help offset costs. In some cases, federal money may also be available. For these reasons, the overall fiscal impact of this bill is expected to be minimal.

Departments Contacted

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