



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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Becker
 Sen. Hodge

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Bill Status: House Education
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF AN ON-LINE EDUCATION PROGRAM AS A MULTI-DISTRICT PROGRAM IF THE PROGRAM IS AUTHORIZED BY A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
Effective Date: July 1, 2012.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.		
School District Impact: See School District Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill, *recommended by the Joint Budget Committee*, eliminates the authority for a board of cooperative educational services (BOCES) to authorize a single-district, online educational program. Under current law, a BOCES can authorize either a single-district or multi-district program.

Background

The San Juan BOCES, which includes nine school districts, operates the Southwest Colorado e-School on-line educational program. Since this program is defined as a single-district program, each enrolled student is counted in their home school district and funded at that district’s per pupil funding level. In FY 2011-12, per pupil funding for districts in the San Juan BOCES ranges from \$6,162 to \$13,906. Under this bill, enrolled students would be funded at the \$5,866 per pupil rate of other multi-district programs. This per pupil rate is based on passage of HB 12-1201, the supplemental school finance bill.

State Expenditures

Under this bill, approximately 50 students in seven districts that are members of the San Juan BOCES would be funded at the \$5,851 per pupil rate for multi-district online programs instead of their home district's per pupil rate. These districts will receive a slightly lower amount of state aid. Under current law, the negative factor will be adjusted slightly downwards to accommodate this savings. Thus, the amount of state aid for all other districts will be adjusted slightly upwards. Overall, total program funding to school districts will be unchanged.

School District Impact

This bill will impact approximately 50 students in the Southwest Colorado e-school. Preliminary estimates indicate the bill will reduce total program funding for the affected school districts by roughly \$33,000 per year in FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14. The funding for all other districts will be adjusted slightly upwards through a reduction in the negative factor.

Pursuant to Section 22-32-143, C.R.S., as specified by House Bill 11-1277, school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) may submit estimates of fiscal impacts within seven days of a bill's introduction. As of the date of this fiscal note, no summaries of fiscal impacts were submitted by districts or BOCES for this bill. If summaries of fiscal impacts are submitted by districts or BOCES in the future, they will be noted in subsequent revisions to the fiscal note and posted at this address: <http://www.colorado.gov/lcs>

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