



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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Holbert
 Sen. King K.

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Bill Status: House Education
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE MANNER OF DETERMINING PUPIL ENROLLMENT COUNTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$875,818	\$875,818
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 8, 2012, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2012, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: See State Appropriations section.		
School District Impact: See School District Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates a process for school districts to seek supplemental funding for enrollment gains after School Finance Act funding has been calculated. The bill permits a school district or an institute charter school to compare the total number of students enrolled in grades 3 to 11 on the October 1 pupil count day with the total number of students in these grades who participate in the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) and the ACT.

Districts will count the number of students in grades 3 to 10 who take the CSAP mathematics assessment, and the number of students in grade 11 who take the ACT, and compare this total to the number of students enrolled in all grades 3 to 11 as of October 1 in the same school year. If the number of tested students is greater than the number enrolled as of October 1, the Colorado Department of Education is required to fund each additional student at the per-pupil online funding amount.

State Expenditures

In both FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14, this bill increases state expenditures by approximately \$875,818. The majority of school districts and institute charter schools lose enrollment between the October 1 student count day and the administration of the CSAP tests. Over

the past five years, an average of 29 districts increased enrollment annually. The total number of additional students is, on average, 150 students. The statewide online per pupil funding for FY 2012-13 is estimated at \$5,847. Therefore, the increased funding required by the bill is estimated at \$875,818 (150 additional students * \$5,847 = \$875,818).

School District Impact

Approximately 29 school districts will receive additional funding beginning in FY 2012-13 as a result of increased enrollment following the October 1 student count day. On average, an individual district's enrollment is not anticipated to increase by more than five students in any year. As such, average additional funding to any district is not anticipated to exceed \$29,233 annually.

State Appropriations

For FY 2012-13, this bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$875,818 to the Colorado Department of Education.

Departments Contacted

Education