



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Peniston

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE EVALUATION OF A DRIVER IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL USED BY A COURT FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	minimal increase	
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: None.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to semi-annually inform courts of driver improvement school evaluations, as well as whether the school is in compliance with the fee remittance system. The driver improvement program allows courts to refer drivers to schools to their improve driving skills. Under current law, evaluations are submitted to courts annually, and information regarding the fee remittance system is not included.

This bill also requires the DOR to inform the schools when they are not in compliance with the statutory fee structure. If the school is not in compliance, it is provided 30 days to correct any problem. If the school still fails to comply, the court will be notified. If a school refuses to allow an evaluation, then courts will also be notified and this information will be posted on the DOR website. Finally, under this bill, the DOR will notify schools of an unsatisfactory performance evaluation. The schools will be given 90 days to correct problems from that evaluation, which will be reflected in the next DOR notification to the courts.

Background

The DOR contracts with a private contractor to monitor and evaluate the curriculum and effectiveness of driver improvement schools. The contractor currently submits evaluation reports to courts referring individuals to driver improvement schools. This annual report summarizes the

curriculum, location, security, quality, and effectiveness of the classes. An abstract of these reports is submitted to the DOR annually. The cost of the contractor is paid by a \$25 surcharge from program participants.

State Revenue and Expenditures

This bill is anticipated to increase the workload in Department of Revenue by a minimal amount. It increases the number of reports from annual to semiannual, requires a small amount of website updating, and requires the department and its contractors to disclose readily available fee information on driver improvement schools. To the extent that any incremental costs are incurred, they will be shouldered by the private contractor or within the existing appropriations of the department.

Departments Contacted

Judicial Law Public Safety Revenue