



## **Background**

The bill requires administration of the same placement tests in grades 9 through 12 that are currently administered to all first-time freshmen in the community college system. The system uses the Accuplacer, a suite of computerized placement tests that assess college readiness in reading, writing, and math. First-time freshmen must take one of three mathematics placement tests, and one each reading and writing diagnostic tests, for a total of three units of the Accuplacer assessment. This fiscal note assumes that the same battery of tests must be administered to each student in grades 9-12.

## **State Expenditures**

*In FY 2012-13, this bill has total costs of \$1,276,973. Total costs in FY 2013-14 are \$320,917.* In the current academic year, the total number of high school students is 243,233. Assuming each student takes these placement test at \$1.75 per test, total costs in FY 2012-13 are \$1,276,973. It is anticipated that 61,127 additional students will enter grade 9 in FY 2013-14. Assuming each of these students takes these tests, total costs in that year, and each year thereafter, are \$320,917

## **School District Impact**

Each school will have additional costs to administer the placement tests, add diagnostic data into a student's ICAP, and prepare appropriate interventions. The Accuplacer is an Internet-based test. Each student must have access to a computer and Internet service, and schools must provide test proctors. It is estimated that each student will take approximately two hours to complete all 3 tests, thus reducing instructional hours.

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>.

## **State Appropriations**

In FY 2012-13, this bill requires an appropriation of \$1,276,973 General Fund, to the Colorado Department of Education.

## **Departments Contacted**

Education

Higher Education