


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Williams S.
Rep. Brown

Bill Status: Senate Education

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TITLE: CONCERNING INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: This bill becomes effective August 7, 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 allows the Department of Education to authorize instructors to teach indigenous language courses in schools. The State Board of Education must adopt rules for this authorization. The language taught must be that of a federally recognized native American tribe. The instructor is not required to have a teacher licensure or a baccalaureate degree, providing the instructor only teaches the indigenous language in which he or she is assigned. This bill also allows schools to grant general education credit for those students who successfully complete an indigenous language course.

State Expenditures

The State Board of Education is charged with promulgating rules to determine the criteria in granting the indigenous language authorization. The resources necessary to perform this task are expected to be minimal, and can be met within existing appropriations.

Departments Contacted

Education Higher Education