

  
*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**LOCAL**  
**REVISED FISCAL IMPACT**  
(replaces fiscal note dated January 9, 2013)

**Drafting Number:** LLS 13-0193  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Roberts  
 Rep. Hamner

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**Bill Status:** House Education  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
<b>Effective Date:</b> August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> None required.		
<b>School District Impact:</b> See School District Impact section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This *reengrossed* bill gives local school boards and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) the ability to adopt a policy for the electronic participation of members at board meetings. The boards may adopt a policy authorizing members to attend and participate in regular or special meetings electronically; however, local school board members may not participate electronically in executive sessions. BOCES board members may participate electronically in executive session. At the first special meeting of a newly elected local school district board of education or BOCES board, members are required to sign an affidavit stating that they are aware of and will comply with confidentiality requirements and restrictions applicable to executive sessions.

With regard to local school districts, the bill intends that school district board policies for electronic participation will:

- require a quorum of the board to be physically present to convene the meeting;
- allow members to attend electronically only when there are extenuating circumstances;
- permit a board to define the maximum number of meetings a member may attend electronically before that member's position is considered vacant;
- require that appropriate technology is employed to permit the public and board members to hear each other; and
- clearly describes the methods for electronic participation.

### **School District Impact**

School district and BOCES staff time to develop policy options for board approval is not anticipated to consume significant resources. Once staff prepares a policy, board time to consider and approve the policy is also estimated to be minimal. Once adopted, some districts and BOCES may incur new costs for teleconferencing or video conferencing in order to provide an electronic option for board participation.

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>

### **Departments Contacted**

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