

  
*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**STATE**  
**REVISED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Drafting Number:</b> LLS 13-0660	<b>Date:</b> March 28, 2013
<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Sen. Hudak Rep. Pettersen	<b>Bill Status:</b> Senate Education
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CAMPUSES IN ESTABLISHING THE CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION CATEGORIES FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
General Fund	\$17,580	\$8,090
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.2 FTE	0.1 FTE
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> See State Appropriations section.		
<b>School District Impact:</b> None		

*This fiscal note is being revised to reflect additional information.*

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill authorizes the State Board of Education (SBE) to consider the unique circumstances of students at alternative education campuses (AEC) when making determinations about the accreditation category for an AEC or for the school district or the Charter School Institute in which the AEC is located.

**Background**

AECs are schools that have a specialized mission and serve a special needs or at-risk population, a population where more than 95% of students have an individualized education program, or populations that meet the definition of “high-risk” students. High risk students include students currently in juvenile detention and awaiting adjudication, drop-out and expelled students, students with a documented history of drug abuse, teen parents, migrant students, homeless students, and other hard to educate populations.

**State Expenditures**

*This bill will increase General Fund expenditures in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) by \$17,580 and 0.2 FTE in FY 2013-14. For FY 2014-15, increased expenditures are \$8,090 and 0.1 FTE.* New expenditures are displayed in Table 1 and described below.

<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>
Personal Services	\$16,180	\$8,090
FTE	0.2	0.1
Travel	1,000	-
Printing	400	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,580</b>	<b>\$8,090</b>

The CDE requires additional staff capacity in order to:

- research and recommend criteria to the SBE for appropriately considering the impact that AEC accreditation has on district or CSI accreditation;
- gather stakeholder input and consult with district and school accountability committees;
- assist the SBE to revise and adopt rules;
- update the department's guidance documents related to school accountability;
- provide technical assistance to AECs to understand new rules and procedures;
- calculate the impact AEC students have on district performance framework reports, including writing new rules for the revised calculation formula, programming computer systems, preparing data runs, and validating results; and
- responding to district questions specific to new AEC evaluative criteria.

The CDE also requires funds for travel and printing for FY 2013-14 to support the new FTE in establishing new criteria and preparing the SBE to consider unique characteristics of AECs when determining accreditation categories.

**State Appropriations**

For FY 2013-14, the CDE requires a General Fund appropriation of \$17,580 and 0.2 FTE.

**Departments Contacted**

Education