Colorado Legislative Council Staff F iscal Note

STATE and LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAMS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015	
State Revenue			
State Expenditures Cash Funds School Safety Resource Center Cash Fund	\$57,815	\$52,112	
FTE Position Change	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE	
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.			
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: See State Appropriations section.			
School District Impact: See School District and Local Government Impact section.			

Summary of Legislation

This bill defines several responsibilities related to School Resource Officers (SROs). Specifically, this bill:

- requires that SROs be familiar with his or her assignment's School Response Framework, All-Hazard Exercise program, and interoperable communications;
- requires that each school's School Response Framework include the responsibilities of the SRO;
- requires that the School Safety Resource Center (SSRC), within the Department of Public Safety (DPS), contract for grant writing, provide and distribute information on the role of SROs and provide related suggestions to the Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) board; and
- adds one new member to the SSRC advisory board.

State Expenditures

For FY 2013-14, this bill will increase state expenditures by \$57,815 and 1.0 FTE, and for FY 2014-15, by \$52,112 and 1.0 FTE, cash funds, within the Department of Public Safety. This bill requires one staff person at the SSRC who will draft grant applications, create and distribute information on the role of SROs and provide related suggestions to the P.O.S.T. board. Because of the term and duties involved, this fiscal note assumes this staffer will be a full-time equivalent.

In addition, this bill requires that an additional member be named to the SSRC advisory board, and that the member be SRO. These board positions are not compensated, and therefore do not require additional appropriations.

Expenditures Not Included

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Expenditures Not Included Under SB13-138*				
Cost Components	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15		
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$6,713	\$6,713		
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	3,202	3,622		
TOTAL	\$9,915	\$10,335		

^{*}More information is available at: http://colorado.gov/fiscalnotes

School District and Local Government Impact

This bill may require a minimal increase in expenditures for schools and districts. This bill requires an update of internal policies concerning SROs, including the School Response Framework. It is assumed that some schools have already drafted and implemented these policies, and to the extent that some districts do not have policies, additional staff time will be required.

In addition, expenditures for local governments may increase under this bill. As this bill defines 'community partners' to include local governments, local governments may need to coordinate with school safety officers to comply with provisions of the bill. This may increase costs if those local governments do not already involve school districts and their personnel in emergency management planning and training.

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

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State Appropriations

For FY 2013-14, this bill requires an appropriation of \$57,815 and 1.0 FTE, to the Department of Public Safety, from the School Safety Resource Center Cash Fund.

Departments Contacted

Counties Municipalities Education Law Public Safety