

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note***FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE****Drafting Number:** LLS 14-1018  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Hodge  
Rep. Peniston**Date:** July 28, 2014  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
**Fiscal Analyst:** Josh Abram (303-866-3561)**SHORT TITLE:** SCHOOL BOARDS MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, when a local governing body conducts an executive session, the minutes of the session must identify the topics discussed. This bill requires that when a local board of education conducts an executive session, the minutes must also reflect the amount of time each topic was discussed. Those minutes, along with the time log of the topics discussed, must be posted on the school board's website within ten business days following the meeting at which the minutes are approved by the board. If the board does not maintain a website, the minutes must be published in the same manner as the board regularly provides public notice. Finally, this bill requires that electronic recordings of an executive session be retained for at least 24 months.

**School District Impact**

Local boards of education must adjust internal practices related to recording executive sessions and implementing open meeting laws, and will have new expenses to create and implement procedures for logging and recording executive sessions.

Under current law, 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>

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 6, 2014.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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