

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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SHORT TITLE: CHANGES TO RESOLVE EDUCATION RULE CONFLICTS

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that for the purposes of state accreditation, an online program housed in a public school is not considered an online school. An online school has an assigned school code and operates with its own administrator, a separate budget, and a complete instructional program. Online schools are held responsible to state and federal accountability processes; accountability for students in online programs is attributed back to a designated school that houses the program.

Assessment

This bill makes clarifications to current. The bill will not change the revenue or expenditures of the CDE, the CSI, or local school districts and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

The bill updates a definition in the Education Accountability Act to distinguish between online schools and online programs, and to clarify that online programs are not public schools. This clarification does not require any change to current practice.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on February 27, 2014.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education School Districts