

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Scheffel; Carroll **Bill Status:** Senate Education
 Rep. Wilson; Fields **Fiscal Analyst:** Marc Carey (303-866-4102)

BILL TOPIC: SCHOOL FINANCE ON-LINE PUPIL COUNT SIZE FACTOR

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	<u>\$2,526,309</u>	<u>\$2,526,309</u>
General Fund	\$2,526,309	\$2,526,309
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: \$2,526,309 - Department of Education (FY 2015-16)		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The bill excludes multi-district on-line pupils from the calculation of the size factor for a school district if the total program that the district would have received with these students included is less than the total program calculated for the district with these students excluded.

State Expenditures

Total Program Funding. Senate Bill 15-280 increases total program funding for FY 2015-16 and subsequent years by 2,526,309. Although 170 of 178 districts receive an increase in total program funding, the districts of Byers, Branson, and Julesberg receive 69.1 percent of the increase due to the degree to which their total funded pupil count consists of online students. Table 1 shows the funded pupil count, online pupils and increases in per pupil funding and total program funding for these three districts compared with other districts under Senate Bill 15-280.

District	Pupil Count	Online Count	Per Pupil Funding	Total Program Funding	Percent of Funding Increase
Byers	2,064	1,605	\$265	\$546,939	21.7%
Branson	434	375	\$899	\$390,167	15.4%
Julesberg	765	522	\$1,057	\$808,905	32.0%
Others	852,128	12,806	\$1	\$780,298	30.9%
Total	855,391	15,308	\$3	\$2,526,309	100.0%

It should be noted that Table 1 presents information relative to current law. Other school districts receive more funding because of an increase in the minimum per pupil funding level and a reduction in the negative factor percentage.

School District Impact

Table 1 above shows the estimated increase in per pupil and total program funding under Senate Bill 15-280. Under this bill, total program funding increases by \$2,526,309. Of this amount, \$1,746,011 would be allocated to the districts of Byers, Branson, and Julesberg.

Pursuant to Section 22-32-143, C.R.S., 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 takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2015-16, the bill requires the following General Fund appropriation:

- \$2,526,309 to the Department of Education for the state's share of total program.

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