

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT

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BILL TOPIC: COLORADO STUDENT LEADERS INSTITUTE

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Revenue	Potential increase from gifts, grants, and private donations. See State Revenue section.			
State Expenditures	\$258,825	\$258,825	\$258,825	\$258,825
State Education Fund	258,825	258,825	258,825	258,825
FTE Position Change	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
Appropriation Required: \$218,825 - Lieutenant Governor (FY 2015-16)				

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Colorado Student Leaders Institute, a competitive summer residential education program for high school students. The institute will operate for 4 weeks each summer on the campus of an institution of higher education.

The bill creates an executive governing board for the institute and sets the conditions for the board's composition and selection. The board may also appoint an advisory board of community members to assist in marketing the institute, and to solicit private donations. Members of the boards serve without compensation and without reimbursement for expenses.

The board must appoint an executive director to manage the operations of the institute, issue a request for proposals to select and contract with an institution of higher education to host the institute, establish the application process for students, work with educators to participate as faculty, make policy recommendations to the board, and provide education and career counseling to student participants. The bill sets minimum qualifications for selecting the executive director.

The institution of higher education that hosts the institute is required to award three hours of academic credit to students who successfully complete the institute and fulfill the educational requirements outlined in the bill. The student's school district or charter school is encouraged to include the higher education credits toward completing the student's high school graduation requirements.

The bill sets minimum requirements for curriculum, enrichment activities, and student participation. To participate, a student must be nominated by his or her school district or charter school and submit an application to the institute board. The board is required to ensure that at

least 50 percent of participating students are eligible for free or reduced-cost lunch, or would be the first generation in their immediate family to attend an institution of higher education. Students accepted to the institute attend without cost; however, each student is encouraged to donate up to \$400 to assist in meeting operational costs. The bill limits participation to 100 students annually.

Finally, the bill creates the Colorado Student Leaders Institute Cash Fund and requires that the General Assembly annually appropriate moneys to the office of the Lieutenant Governor to pay the direct and indirect costs of the institute. The bill authorizes appropriations from the State Education Fund. In addition to state appropriations, the institute may solicit gifts, grants, and donations to implement the institute. Annual operation of the institute is conditional upon receiving at least \$40,000 in gifts, grants, or donations by June 1 of each year. The institute is repealed July 1, 2019.

State Revenue

The bill may increase state revenue from private gifts, grants, or donations. No amount of private funding has been identified for the bill; however, the bill requires that the institute collect at least \$40,000 by June 1 annually to implement the program.

State Expenditures

From FY 2015-16 through FY 2018-19, the bill increases state expenditures by \$258,825 and 1.0 FTE. Of this amount, \$40,000 is from private gifts, grants, or donations, and \$218,825 is from state appropriations from the State Education Fund.

The bill creates a residential summer academic program for high school students. This fiscal note is based on the assumption that all 100 students attend the summer institute in each fiscal year. The program can anticipate the following cost components:

- An executive director will provide operational management and student counseling services.
- The executive director's salary may not exceed the average salary of teachers in public schools, currently estimated at \$49,606 plus standard operating expenses.
- Students must travel to the institute and be housed and fed during the 4-week residential program.
- Adult resident counselors must be contracted to provide 24-hour supervision.
- Academic faculty require specific professional development to serve as institute staff;
- Academic faculty will receive stipends for instructing in the summer institute.
- Institute students engage in enrichment activities such as visiting museums and attending cultural events.
- Students will have other material costs such as books and supplies.
- The program will incur indirect costs such as insurance payments for the executive director.

Based on similar residential programs for high school students operated in Colorado in the past, the program can anticipate a per student cost of \$2,588.25. Assuming the program admits all 100 students in each fiscal year, total costs are \$258,825.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2015-16, this bill includes an appropriation from the State Education Fund for \$218,825 to the Colorado Student Leaders Institute in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

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