

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note***NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Fields

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**BILL TOPIC:** GROW YOUR OWN TEACHER A COLORADO INITIATIVE

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill encourages school districts to enter into a concurrent enrollment agreement with institutions of higher education to provide a grow your own teacher program. A grow your own teacher program allows high school students to concurrently enroll in academic courses offered by an undergraduate teacher licensure program in order to increase the student's awareness of the teaching profession. The bill outlines the elements of a successful program, including a year-long curriculum, student field experience, and counseling students through the college selection and application process.

**Assessment**

Under current law, school districts are encouraged to enter into concurrent enrollment agreements with institutions of higher education, and many school districts and institutions have an existing agreement. This bill further encourages the agreements to include opportunities for students to enroll in teacher preparation programs that increase awareness of and promote the need for additional school teachers. The bill does not change the revenue or expenditures of any state agency, institution of higher education, school district, or charter school. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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