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BILL TOPIC: STUDY OF LOCAL ED PROVIDER DATA REPORTING REQMNTS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	<u>\$165,000</u>	
General Fund	165,000	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: \$165,000 - Colorado 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 requires that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) contract with an entity to review current state statutory and regulatory data reporting requirements for the public school system. In addition to identifying reporting requirements that can be eliminated, the contracted entity must also recommend reports that may be submitted biennially or less often; review the implementation of the CDE's data reporting system; and recommend measures to lessen the burden of data reporting for school districts. The department must work with members of the Education Data Advisory Committee (EDAC) in selecting and working with the entity. The department must submit the final report to the EDAC, the State Board of Education, and the Education Committees of the General Assembly by January 31, 2016, and must post the report on the department's web site.

Under current law, the EDAC consists of at least 5 volunteer school districts, 2 volunteer Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), and a volunteer charter school. Under the bill, at least 2 of the volunteer school district members must represent rural school districts that enroll fewer than 1,000 students.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures by \$165,000 for FY 2015-16 only, to fund a third-party contractor to prepare a report on data reporting requirements. Based on past experience issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select third-party evaluators and researchers, the CDE will first require \$15,000 to hire an outside consultant to work with the EDAC to prepare a scope of work document and contract parameters. The contract cost for an external firm is estimated at \$150,000, which assumes that the contract will include vendor expertise in policy, process, and data analysis equivalent to 3 FTEs over a 3 month period, in order to prepare and submit the final report by January 2016.

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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 requires an appropriation of \$165,000 General Fund to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

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