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LOCAL
CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT

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 Sen. Bacon

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES TO FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2006/2007	FY 2007/2008
State Revenues General Fund		
State Expenditures General Fund		
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2006/2007: None Required		
School District Impact: Upon voter approval, school districts may impose an additional property tax mill levy to fund full-day kindergarten programs.		

Summary of Legislation

Effective July 1, 2006, this bill, recommended by the Interim Committee on School Finance, authorizes school districts to seek voter approval to impose an additional mill levy to raise property taxes for purposes of funding a school district's excess full-day kindergarten costs. The school district may also request authorization to raise property tax revenues to meet the initial capital construction needs of the district that are associated with the establishment of a full-day kindergarten program.

The bill precludes a school district that imposes the additional full-day kindergarten mill levy from participating in the full-day kindergarten component of the Colorado Preschool Program. A school district that funds a portion of its full-day kindergarten program with the additional mill levy would be allowed to charge tuition to out-of-district pupils enrolled in the locally funded portion of the full-day kindergarten program.

Since voter approval is required to increase the school district mill levy, the bill is assessed as having a conditional fiscal impact at the school district level. The bill has no state revenue or expenditure impact.

School District Impact

Currently, 46 school districts in Colorado provide full-day kindergarten services to 1,914 kindergarten students, 100 percent of those districts' kindergarten populations. Forty other school districts in the state provide full-day kindergarten services to 10,417 students, ranging from 1 percent to 95 percent of their kindergarten populations. These full-time services are provided within the current revenue received by the school district, or by tuition that is charged for the second half of the school day. The Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) also provides funding for full-day kindergarten services to 1,500 pupils. Out of 59,657 kindergarten students statewide, 23.2 percent, or 13,831 kindergarten students, receive full-time educational services.

Section 22-54-108, C.R.S., authorizes school districts to submit a question to voters to raise and spend additional local property tax revenues, subject to certain limitations. The current override question may include language that is very general in nature or can be for a more specific purpose (i.e., building maintenance, purchase of buses, funding full-day kindergarten).

Ten school districts (Boulder, Kit Carson R-1, Eagle County 50, East Grand 2, Durango 9-R, Ignacio 11 JT, Moffat County Re-1, Aspen 1, Rangely Re-4, and Hayden Re-1) have reached their maximum limitations authorized under the current law. If these districts receive authorization to raise additional revenue to fund costs associated with full-day kindergarten programs, they would not be eligible to receive funding for full-day kindergarten through the CPP. Of these school districts, only Boulder and Moffat presently receive CPP funding. The number of school districts that would choose to seek voter approval to raise additional revenue to fund costs associated with full-day kindergarten programs is unknown.

State Appropriations

The fiscal note implies that no additional appropriation or spending authority is required in FY 2006-07 in order to implement the provisions of the bill.

Departments Contacted

Education