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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Sen. Tupa**Bill Status:** House Education**Fiscal Analyst:** Harry Zeid (303-866-4753)

TITLE: CONCERNING PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**Summary of Assessment**

This bill prohibits school districts from employing an individual as a physical education teacher who does not hold a license endorsement for physical education on his or her teacher license, or who is not otherwise determined to be highly qualified by the school district. In order to be highly qualified, the person must have completed at least 24 hours of professional development in physical education or passed an assessment approved by the State Board of Education that establishes the necessary competency in physical education.

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact at the state or school district level. It is possible, however, that in certain circumstances, a school district may experience higher personnel costs to contract with a physical education teacher who meets physical education license endorsement requirements rather than hiring an inexperienced teacher who lacks the endorsement or who is not deemed to be highly qualified. The bill will become effective upon signature of the Governor.

Departments Contacted

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