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**HB16-1350**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 16-1040  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Young  
 Sen. Grantham

**Date:** March 15, 2016  
**Bill Status:** House Appropriations  
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**BILL TOPIC:** HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSFERS FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures section	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill, *recommended by the Joint Budget Committee*, makes a technical adjustment to the Department of Higher Education's (DHE) authority to make certain year-end transfers. Under current law, the DHE may transfer up to ten percent of the annual total governing board appropriation for an institution of higher education between that governing board's appropriation for college opportunity fund (COF) stipends, and that governing board's fee-for-service (FFS) contracts for higher education services and programs. The bill expands the department's authority to transfer between the COF and FFS appropriations for specialty education programs.

**Background**

House Bill 14-1319 changed the method for allocating state funding among state institutions of higher education. That bill included a provision that expanded the DHE's authority to make year-end transfers between the amount appropriated for COF and amount appropriated to the same governing board for FFS contracts, based on the final count of students eligible for a stipend at that institution. This authority did not include transfers between amounts appropriated for stipends and amounts appropriated for "specialty education" programs such as the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Because some students enrolled in the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center also qualify for the stipend, this bill expands the transfer authority so that appropriations related to these students may be transferred between fee-for-service contracts and COF stipends for specialty education programs.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill expands the authority of the DHE to make year-end transfers of money between the FFS and COF appropriation to governing boards of institutions of higher education. The bill has no impact on the total appropriation to the governing boards in any fiscal year. That amount is provided at the discretion of the General Assembly.

## **Effective Date**

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

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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