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Bill Topic: MILITARY ENLISTMENT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
- State Expenditure (conditional)
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires that military enlistment of high school graduates be included in the accreditation of school districts. The bill potentially increases state expenditures for information technology upgrades in the Colorado Department of Education.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required. See State Appropriations section.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts under SB 18-012

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund), and Transfers.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) determines the level of attainment of each public school, each school district, the Colorado Charter School Institute, and the state as a whole based on four performance indicators, including post secondary workforce readiness (PWR).

Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, or in the first year for which data is available, this bill requires that the CDE calculate the percentage of high school graduates who enlist in the military, and weight that enlistment equally with post secondary enrollment when calculating the PWR indicator for K12 accountability.

Background

Currently, the CDE does not have access to the required personally identifiable information for Colorado high school graduates' membership in branches of the United States military. Only aggregate data from the U.S. Army is available, which does not provide the specificity necessary to measure performance for the PWR indicator.

State Expenditures

Conditioned on the future availability of enlistment data for Colorado high school graduates, the CDE will have increased workload and IT costs to verify dates of enlistment within one year of graduation, and apply that data to the PWR indicator for the corresponding school and district.

New expenditures are for the Accountability and Information Management Services Units in the CDE to modify reporting templates, develop rules for technical incorporation of new data, and to test and support collection and reporting systems. Annual recurring costs are required for data file transfers, validation, and ongoing training and support. A breakdown of the vendor hours necessary to complete the work are provided in Table 2. All IT expenses are billed at \$125 per hour.

Table 2
Information Technology Expenditures Under SB 18-012
(conditional)

Cost Components	Vendor Hours	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Department of Education IT			
reporting templates, data validation, user testing	80	\$10,000	
annual data file transfer, validation, and support	20	\$2,500	
technical specifications to accountability review	140	\$17,500	
data warehousing and reporting	224	\$28,000	
annual testing and support	40		\$5,000
TOTAL		\$58,000	\$5,000

The CDE will also have increased workload in the Office of Postsecondary Readiness to support local education providers with technical assistance related to implementing the new performance measure. This workload is estimated at less than 125 hours annually and does not require additional appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 29, 2018.

State Appropriations

No appropriation is required. The information technology expenditures in the CDE are conditioned on the availability of enlistment data from the U.S. Armed Services. The bill cannot be implemented without access to this data, which is currently unavailable. Once this data is made available, the department may seek supplemental funding via the annual appropriation process.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education Military Affairs School Districts