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# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Rodriguez      **Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**Bill Topic:** PARENTS ENCOURAGING PARENTS CONFERENCE

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

The bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education hold up to four Parents Encouraging Parents conferences per year. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2019-20, the bill includes an appropriation of \$68,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

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

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-215**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$68,000	\$68,000
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) provide up to four Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) conferences per year for parents and families of children with disabilities. The bill specifies provisions for the conferences, including logistics, application procedures, and conference curriculum. CDE must provide lodging and food for the conference.

## **Background**

PEP conferences bring together parents and families of children with disabilities and professionals in the field to offer education, support, information, and provide a forum to discuss ideas, concerns, success, and questions. CDE currently holds four conferences per year. The conferences are funded through federal IDEA Part B funds for state education agency activities; however, beginning in FY 2018-19, the federal Department of Education did not approve use of the funding to provide food for participants. As a result, federal funding covered \$147,800 in facility and lodging costs, and \$72,780 in conference costs, such as presenters, facilitators, materials, and translation and interpreter services, in FY 2018-19. Food was not provided for participants.

## **State Expenditures**

Beginning in FY 2019-20, the bill increases state General Fund expenditures in CDE by \$68,000. Because federal funding is expected to continue to cover facility and conference costs, CDE only requires state funding to cover the cost of providing food to participants. Based on actual food costs for the four conferences offered in FY 2017-18, the amount required is expected to total \$68,000 per year.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 29, 2019.

## **State Appropriations**

In FY 2019-20, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$68,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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