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**HB16-1144**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Becker J.; Pettersen

**Bill Status:** House Education

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**BILL TOPIC:** TRANSPARENCY COLLEGE COURSES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, local education providers are required to notify students and parents annually of the opportunity for qualified students to concurrently enroll in both high school and college. Concurrent enrollment allows a student to obtain course credit at an institution of higher education that simultaneously counts as credit toward high school graduation and towards a degree or certificate at the institution in which the student enrolls. Not every postsecondary course option available to high school students qualifies as concurrent enrollment.

This bill requires that local education providers notify students and parents if the postsecondary course in which the student enrolls does not meet the requirements for concurrent enrollment. The notification must include information about other postsecondary options available at low or no cost that are credit-bearing and applicable toward a degree or certificate, either at a specific institution of higher education or at any institution pursuant to statewide transfer or articulation agreements.

**School District Impact**

The bill increases the workload of school districts by a minimal amount. School districts will be required to update notification materials and educate school staff and guidance counselors on the distinction between concurrent enrollment and other postsecondary options available to students in high school.

Under current law, school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) may submit a separate estimate of fiscal impacts within seven days of a bill's introduction. Estimates submitted by districts or BOCES for this bill can be found on the Legislative Council website at this address: <http://www.colorado.gov/lcs>

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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