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**REVISED
FISCAL NOTE**

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Holbert
Rep. Salazar

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Bill Status: House Appropriations
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BILL TOPIC: ADMINISTRATION OF LAWS GOVERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
Cash Funds	\$2,000	\$2,000
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing state expenditure increase.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill, *as amended by the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs committee*, requires an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) that hears campaign finance complaints to complete four credit hours of continuing legal education annually. The four credit hours must be related to election or campaign finance law and must be certified by the Colorado Supreme Court. The Secretary of State's Office (SOS) is required to create a campaign finance training course and post it on the SOS website. An ALJ may, but is not required to, satisfy their annual continuing legal education requirement by completing the SOS online training course.

This bill also authorizes anyone that is awarded reasonable attorneys fees and costs from an ALJ campaign finance hearing to seek the enforcement of those awarded fees in court without the involvement of the SOS.

State Expenditures

For FY 2016-17 and each year thereafter, this bill increases expenditures in the Department of Personnel and Administration by \$2,000.

Department of Personnel and Administration. It is assumed that some ALJs may elect not to satisfy their annual continuing legal education requirement through the SOS online training course and \$2,000 is needed to hire a trainer to provide the required continuing legal education to the ALJs. Given the low cost of this training, it is assumed that the department can accomplish this training within existing resources.

Secretary of State. While this bill requires the SOS to create an online campaign finance training course, no appropriation is necessary because the SOS is currently in the process of creating this online training course and will host it, at no additional cost, on the existing Learning Management System.

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.

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