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Research Note

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Bill Number

House Bill 16-1440

Sponsors

*Representatives Wilson and
Pettersen
Senators Johnston and Holbert*

Short Title

*Administrative Flexibility For
School Districts And Schools*

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective August 10, 2016.

Summary

This bill directs the State Board of Education (SBE) to promulgate rules imposing the least possible administrative or financial burden on local education providers. SBE is further directed, when appropriate, to promulgate rules and instruct the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to adopt policies and guidelines that specifically apply to rural school districts, charter schools, and boards of cooperative services.

House Action

House Education Committee (April 27, 2016). At the hearing, representatives of the Colorado Children's Campaign, Stand for Children Colorado, the Colorado Rural Schools Alliance, the Colorado Association of School Boards, the Colorado Association of School Executives, and the Colorado Education Association spoke in support of the bill. A representative of CDE responded to questions from the committee. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (April 28, 2016). The House Committee of the Whole adopted amendment no. 1 by Representatives Pettersen and Wilson, which struck one provision relating to student performance reports and made other technical changes. The committee passed the bill, as amended.

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House third reading (April 29, 2016). The House adopted third reading amendment no. 1 by Representatives Pettersen and Wilson, which made technical changes, and passed the bill.

House consideration of Senate amendments (May 9, 2016). The House concurred with Senate amendments and repassed the bill.

Senate Action

Senate Finance Committee (May 5, 2016). At the hearing, a representative of the Colorado Rural Schools Alliance testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.008, which removed provisions relating to teachers' effectiveness ratings. The committee referred the bill, as amended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (May 5, 2016). The Senate Committee of the Whole adopted the Finance Committee report and passed the bill with no further amendments.

Senate third reading (May 6, 2016). The Senate passed the bill, unamended.