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FISCAL NOTE

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Winter; Lawrence **Bill Status:** House Education
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BILL TOPIC: TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Department of Higher Education (DHE) administers a tuition assistance program for students enrolled in career and technical education certificate programs. The program provides tuition assistance for students who meet income eligibility requirements but do not qualify for the federal Pell grant, because their certificate program does not meet minimum credit hour requirements. This bill expands eligibility for the tuition assistance program to include students who meet a state income eligibility standard established by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE).

Background

The tuition assistance program was created by House Bill 15-1275. The program was appropriated \$450,000 in both FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload for the DHE beginning in FY 2017-18, but does not change state expenditures for the tuition assistance program. The DHE will need to update program materials and processes, and will have increased workload to review additional applications from previously ineligible applicants. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

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