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**HB17-1194**

**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. Foote  
Sen. Cooke

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**BILL TOPIC:** TECHNICAL CHANGES FOR P-TECH SCHOOLS

**Summary of Legislation**

Current law authorizes the creation of Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (p-tech schools). A p-tech school is a public school that includes grades 9 through 14, and is designed to prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. A p-tech school enables students to graduate simultaneously with both a high school diploma and an associate degree.

This bill amends the definition of a p-tech school to include a program that operates within a host school. Additionally, the bill requires that a p-tech student be counted as a high school graduate in the year in which the student completes a local education provider's or a host school's minimum high school graduation requirements. A p-tech school or the host school must notify the Colorado Department of Education prior to a p-tech student's twelfth-grade year, if that student will remain enrolled in grades 13 and 14.

**Assessment**

The bill's technical changes to current law will not impact the revenue, expenditures, or workload of any state agency, local government, or school district. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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