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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Pettersen; Becker J.	Bill Status:	House Education
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Bill Topic: NOTICE TO STUDENTS OF POSTSECONDARY COURSES

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School District
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires school districts to provide specific information related to postsecondary and concurrent enrollment courses to students and their parent or guardian. The bill increases state and school district workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, local education providers (LEPs) must notify students and their parents or legal guardians of opportunities to concurrently enroll in postsecondary courses. The bill specifies that the notice must include information on the financial, academic, and career benefits of concurrent enrollment, as well as the timelines that may impact student eligibility.

At least six weeks prior to the enrollment period for concurrent enrollment, LEPs must provide each student and their parents or guardians with written notice that includes:

- all postsecondary courses offered at the LEP's facility and the cost of each course; and
- options for enrolling in courses at an institution of higher education's facility and the costs of those courses.

The notifications related to course costs and offerings must include all postsecondary courses available to the student regardless of whether the courses meet the criteria for concurrent enrollment.

Background

Concurrent or dual enrollment refers to an arrangement between an LEP and an institution of higher education that permits a qualified high school student to earn higher education course credit that will simultaneously apply to high school graduation requirements, and toward a postsecondary degree. Not all postsecondary options available to high school students are concurrent enrollment options.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2018-19, the bill increases the workload for the Colorado Department of Education and Department of Higher Education to assist districts with meeting the bill's requirements, including answering questions and providing guidance on the courses and information that must be included in the notifications. The workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

School District

The bill increases workload and costs for school districts to adjust current notification practices to meet the bill's requirements. Assuming that written notifications can be provided to students and parents or guardians via email, the workload and cost increase to districts is minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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