

# **REVISED FISCAL NOTE**

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**Bill Topic:** 

K-12 ACCREDITATION WEIGHTED FACTORS

Summary of **Fiscal Impact:**  □ State Revenue State Expenditure □ State Transfer

□ Statutory Public Entity

□ TABOR Refund

The bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education calculate participation in advanced placement courses or concurrent enrollment when determining accreditation categories for public schools and districts. The bill increases state

expenditures in both FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20.

**Appropriation Summary:** 

For FY 2018-19, the bill requires an appropriation to the Colorado Department of

Education of \$30,000.

**Fiscal Note** Status:

This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Education

Committee.

#### Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 18-1019

		FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$30,000	\$52,500
Transfers		-	-

## **Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, the State Board of Education adopts rules establishing objective, measurable criteria that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) must apply in determining the accreditation category for school districts and the Charter School Institute (CSI). The department also determines a performance plan for individual public schools. In addition to other evaluative criteria, current law requires that the department place greatest emphasis on four performance indicators: student longitudinal academic growth, student achievement on statewide assessments, post secondary and workforce readiness (PWR), and progress toward closing achievement gaps.

Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, when the CDE calculates a score for the PWR indicator and for progress toward closing achievement gaps, this bill requires that the department calculate the percentage of students who successfully complete:

- an advanced placement (AP) course in a subject other than English language arts or math and earn a score of three or higher on the end of year AP exam; and
- a concurrent enrollment course in a subject other than English language arts or math and earn a grade of "B" or higher in the course.

The CDE must calculate the percentage of high school students in each school, district, the CSI, and the state overall, who meet either criteria, and disaggregate the data by student groups.

#### **State Expenditures**

For FY 2018-19, the bill increase state General Fund expenditures by \$30,000. For FY 2019-20, state expenditures increase by \$52,500.

For FY 2018-19, the CDE will have increased costs for the Information Management Services Unit in the department to modify information technology systems to collect graduation credit data from each Colorado school district, the Charter School Institute, and district authorized charter schools. Data pipeline, reporting, and warehousing are estimated at 240 hours at the vendor contract rate of \$125 per hour.

For FY 2019-20, increased costs are also incurred for the Accountability and Data Analysis Units to incorporate concurrent enrollment and AP data into the state accountability system. The CDE has access to AP completion data from the AP program administrator (CollegeBoard) and will modify data sharing agreements with the Department of Higher Education to obtain completion data for concurrent enrollment courses. Changes are also required to existing accountability tables and reporting structures. These one-time modifications are contracted to the department's IT vendor, estimated at 420 hours at \$125 per hour.

#### **School District**

The bill creates a new way for school districts to demonstrate quality performance and attain higher accreditation ratings. Although the bill does not specifically require that school districts increase the amount of AP or concurrent enrollment options for students, any district that makes an effort to do so will have new workload and expenditures.

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### **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 Appropriations**

For FY 2018-19, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$30,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Education School Districts