

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Student Leaders Institute will repeal on June 30, 2019. This bill extends the Colorado Student Leaders Institute for another five years, until June 30, 2024.

Background

The Colorado Student Leaders Institute was created in 2015 under Senate Bill 15-290 to provide a competitive summer education program for up to 100 high school students. The institute operates for four weeks each summer at the University of Colorado-Denver campus, providing college-level courses, lectures, and seminars. Students must be nominated by their school district or charter school to participate and they must submit an application to the institute's board. Operation of the program is contingent on receiving at least \$40,000 annually in gifts, grants, or donations each year and students who are accepted are encouraged to donate up to \$400 each to assist in covering the operational expenses of the institute.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's current year appropriation, the Department of Higher Education has costs of \$258,825 and 1.0 FTE to administer the Colorado Student Leaders Institute, of which \$218,825 is from the State Education Fund and \$40,000 is from gifts, grants, and donations. It is assumed that revenue of at least \$40,000 from gifts, grants, and donations to the Colorado Student Leaders Institute Cash Fund will continue in future years.

If this bill is enacted, current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2019-20. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on June 30, 2019, and state expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2019-20 by the amounts shown in Table 1. Program costs include an executive director position, stipends for academic faculty providing instruction, adult resident counselors, and room and board expenses for students during the four-week session.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2019-20, the bill requires an appropriation of \$218,825 from the State Education Fund to the Colorado Student Leaders Institute Cash Fund, for use by the Department of Higher Education and an allocation of 1.0 FTE. Moneys in the cash fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Higher Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education