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HB 20-1288

**REVISED
FISCAL NOTE**

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Bill Topic: **INCREASE CURRICULUM TRANSPARENCY SCHOOL LITERACY**

**Summary of
Fiscal Impact:**

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- School District
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education post certain information related to school literacy instruction online. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only and state and school district workload on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation
Summary:**

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of up to \$48,280 to the Colorado Department of Education. See State Appropriations section.

**Fiscal Note
Status:**

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

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1288**

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$48,280	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) post the following information on their website:

- the core and supplemental reading curriculum, or a detailed description of the curriculum, by grade, that is used at each school;
- the evidence- or scientifically-based core and supplemental reading instruction, services, and other supports, or a detailed description of such services, provided at each school;
- the number of students in kindergarten through third grade identified with a significant reading deficiency in the prior year, and the number of students enrolled who have achieved reading competency and are no longer on a reading to ensure academic development (READ) plan; and
- the local education provider's budget and narrative explanation for use of the per-pupil intervention funds.

This data must be submitted to CDE by local education providers as part of the information submitted through the Colorado READ Act. The information posted online must information must be user-friendly and easily identifiable. Each school district website must and each school website may contain the specified information or contain a link to the information on CDE's website.

State Expenditures

In FY 2020-21 only, the bill increases General Fund expenditures by \$48,280 for CDE. Costs are listed in Table 2 and discussed below.

**Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 20-1288**

	FY 2020-21
Department of Education	
Modify READ Act Data Collection System	\$33,280
Modify SchoolView Reporting System	\$15,000
Total Cost	\$48,280

READ Act. CDE requires \$33,280 in one-time costs to modify the READ Act data collection system to allow districts to submit information on their reading curricula and instructional supports. Data on the number of students on a READ plan, the number of students who have achieved reading competency, and the budget for READ Act intervention funds are currently required to be submitted to CDE. Beginning in FY 2020-21, curriculum and instructional supports are required to be included in district's uniform improvement plans; however, staff time is required to pull that information out of the plans and compile it for the online posting. As a result, modifying the data collection system allows for a more streamlined approach to submitting and posting the required information. Costs are estimated at about 333 hours, at the rate of \$100 per hour.

School View. CDE requires \$15,000 in one-time costs to modify the School View data system on the website. Costs include building a report and posting it online. The department's budget request includes funding to modify the SchoolView system to align with the current data management system. If that budget request is included in the Long Bill, these costs are not required.

Ongoing costs. Annual maintenance costs of the data collection and School View report are expected to be up to \$6,700 per year; these costs can be accomplished within current appropriations.

School District

The bill increases workload for school districts to submit the information in the format specified by CDE, and to update their website with the specified information or a link to the CDE website.

State Appropriation

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$48,280 to the Colorado Department of Education. If CDE budget request R-09 is included in the Long Bill, this bill requires an appropriation of \$33,280.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education School Districts