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SB 20-016

FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Rankin

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Bill Topic: NOTIFY IF SCHOOL EMPLOYEE GIVES DRUGS TO STUDENTS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, School District, Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires local education providers to notify parents if employees are charged with certain violations related to providing drugs or alcohol to students. The bill increases state workload in FY 2020-21 and school district workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, local education providers must notify parents of certain criminal charges brought against current or former employees who had contact with students. Criminal charges that require notification include felony offenses related to child abuse, violence, drugs, domestic violence, indecent exposure, or unlawful sexual behavior. The bill adds the following offenses to the list of charges that require notification:

- any violation that includes the sale, dispensing, distribution or transfer to a student of certain controlled substances, marijuana, or marijuana concentrate; and
unlawfully providing alcohol to a student under age 21, or contributing to the delinquency of a minor if it relates to providing alcohol to a student.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload for the Colorado Department of Education by a minimal amount in FY 2020-21 only to conduct any rulemaking and provide any technical assistance related to parental notification. No change in appropriations is required.

**School District**

The bill increases workload for local education providers by a minimal amount to notify parents of any specific charges brought against current or former employees. The increase is expected to be minimal.

**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.

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