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Bill Topic: COMMON GUIDELINES SCHOOL DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:**
- State Revenue
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 - TABOR Refund
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The bill requires that the State Board of Education adopt rules that require uniform open enrollment policies in K12 school districts. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only, and potentially increases school district workload beginning FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$4,264 to the Colorado Department of Education.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 20-103

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$4,264	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

No later than October 15, 2020, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), in consultation with school district boards of education, must make recommendations to the SBE to adopt rules that require uniform open enrollment policies in K12 school districts. The CDE must recommend policies and procedures related to enrollment periods, application deadlines, dissemination of materials for parents, and notification of open enrollment application status. Statewide rules must also ensure the ability to submit applications online, through electronic mail or other web-based process, and in person.

The SBE must adopt rules no later than March 1, 2021, which become effective for school districts beginning with the 2021-22 school year. The SBE may stagger the effective date of rules if implementation in 2021-22 is not practicable, in which case the rules become effective for school districts beginning with the 2022-23 school year.

State Expenditures

For FY 2020-21 only, the CDE will require \$4,264 for a one-time consultant to assist the department with data collection, engage stakeholders, and propose rules for adoption by the SBE.

Under current law, every school district adopts policies and procedures for school choice programs; however, these policies are not collected or analyzed by the CDE. It is estimated that conducting this research will take about one hour per school district to assemble necessary data, including enrollment window lengths, start dates, end dates, dates to accept an offer, the availability of online applications, and the dissemination of open enrollment policies to parents and guardians. The CDE will synthesize this information for use during stakeholder feedback sessions, and to prepare recommendations for the SBE. This effort will also require review from the Department of Law prior to recommending rules to the SBE.

School District

Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, school districts may have increased workload to adjust district open enrollment policies with the rules established by the SBE. Some requirements may be implemented on a staggered basis through the 2022-23 school year, depending on the degree of changes required, and when implementation is deemed practicable. This workload increase for school districts has not been estimated.

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 Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$4,264 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education

School Districts