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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: ADULT EDUCATION

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill clarifies the authority to establish high school graduation requirements for diplomas offered by colleges. The bill also allows funds for the Adult Literacy Program to be spent until FY 2028-29. The bill will affect state expenditures from FY 2023-24 through FY 2028-29.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a community college or local district college may establish graduation requirements for high school diplomas granted by the college. The bill clarifies that the State Board of Community Colleges and Occupational Education and the board of trustees for a local district college may define the graduation requirements.

The bill also allows unexpended funding for the Adult Education and Literacy Grant Program appropriated in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 to be spent through FY 2028-29, after which any unexpended money reverts to the General Fund.

Background

The Adult Education and Literacy Grant Program provides funding to adult education providers to offer adult education in literacy and numeracy that can lead to a postsecondary credential, employment, additional skills, or a high school diploma. Senate Bill 23-007 required the General Assembly to appropriate \$2.0 million to the Colorado Department of Education for the program.

State Expenditures

The bill will allow the Colorado Department of Education to continue spending previously appropriated money for the adult education grant program through FY 2028-29, instead of having unexpended funds reverting to the General Fund. Clarifying that the boards of the community colleges will minimally adjust workload within the Colorado Community College System; no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 6, 2024.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).