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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Rep. Young

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BILL TOPIC: VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION STATUTORY CLEAN-UP

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue Cash Funds	<u>Potential increase.</u> See State Revenue and Expenditures section.	
State Expenditures Cash Funds	<u>Potential increase.</u> See State Revenue and Expenditures section.	
TABOR Impact	Potential increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing potential increase in state revenue and expenditures.		

Summary of Legislation

Recommended by the Joint Budget Committee, this bill makes technical changes to align state statute with federal law and rules for vocational rehabilitation programs and updates program terminology. It clarifies that the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) may accept and expend moneys from governmental and nongovernmental entities to carry out the functions of its Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

Background

Senate Bill 15-239 transferred the state's vocational rehabilitation programs from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to CDLE beginning July 1, 2016. The Business Enterprise Program for People who are Blind was also transferred. The bill required the two departments to prepare a detailed transition plan by December 1, 2015, and present the results of the plan to the Joint Budget Committee and the relevant legislative oversight committees for each department. The transition plan was to include any statutory changes or budgetary recommendations needed to effectuate the transfer of the vocational rehabilitation programs, resulting in the changes recommended by this bill.

The DVR provides work-related assistance to individuals with disabilities who have barriers to employment or independent living. Services are provided at 43 field and satellite offices located throughout the state. Rehabilitation counselors work with clients to assess their needs and identify

appropriate vocational rehabilitation services. The division also administers state and federal grants to independent living centers that work to enable individuals with disabilities to live independently and to programs that serve elderly blind individuals.

State Revenue and Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2016-17, this bill may increase state revenue and expenditures. The bill authorizes the CDLE to accept and expend moneys from governmental and nongovernmental entities to fund the activities of the DVR. As no specific source of potential funding has been identified, the fiscal note does not estimate the amount of any increased revenue or expenditures.

TABOR Impact

To the extent that this bill increases state revenue from sources that do not include gifts, grants, or donations, it will increase the amount of money required to be refunded under TABOR. TABOR refunds are paid out of the General Fund.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

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