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**FISCAL NOTE**

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Pettersen; Wilson Sen. Merrifield	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House Education
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**Bill Topic:** USE OF COLORADO PRESCHOOL PROGRAM POSITIONS

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

This bill requires candidates for a school district's existing full day kindergarten program to satisfy certain eligibility requirements. It may change how school districts spend funds, but not the total amount of funding available. This impact continues in future years.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This bill reflects the introduced version. The bill was requested by the Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission.

**Summary of Legislation**

Under this bill, a child must satisfy certain eligibility requirements for a district to use funding under the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) to enroll that child in the district's existing full day kindergarten program.

**Background**

According to the 2018 Colorado Preschool Program Legislative Report, the CPP provides funding for 26,308 students in 175 school districts. The preschool programs are administered on-site by school districts, and by community and head start agencies. ECARE expanded the CPP, allowing school districts to use two preschool program positions to enroll students into a full-day preschool program or a full day of the district's existing full-day kindergarten program.

**School District Impact**

The new CPP criteria may shift how school district funds are allocated between kindergarten and preschool slots under the CPP. However, it will not affect total funding to school districts and decisions on how ECARE slots are used will be made at the local level.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Education

Human Services

Information Technology