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Bill Topic: TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, School District

The bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education adopt guidelines and best practices for teacher preparation programs at institutions of higher education.

Appropriation Summary: The bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$1,217,787 to the Department of Higher Education.

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

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-190

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total), Total FTE, Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires that the Department of Higher Education (DHE), in collaboration with state institutions of higher education, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), local education providers (LEPs), and entities that implement alternative teacher preparation programs, review research and practices from other states and countries to identify best practices in providing educator preparation programs.

No later than January 1, 2020, DHE and CDE must jointly adopt guidelines to assist educator preparation programs to adopt and implement the identified best practices. The departments must also prepare a report by January 15, 2020, that includes any regulatory or legislative recommendations to ensure that the policies and criteria for reviewing and approving educator preparation programs align with the adopted guidelines. No later than March 1, 2020, each educator preparation program must report to the DHE and CDE a plan that demonstrates how the school expects to phase in implementation of the identified best practices over the following three academic years.

**Grant program.** The bill creates the Teacher Mentor Grant Program in the DHE to provide money to partnering LEPs and educator preparation programs to provide training and stipends for teachers who serve as mentors for teacher candidates participating in clinical practice. Grants may be awarded for up to three years. DHE must establish the grant application, review, and award procedures. DHE may only award grants to applicants that commit to implementing a teacher mentor program that, among other minimum requirements, recruits teacher mentors with at least three years of experience, are rated highly effective, hold a masters certificate, or are National Board certified. The grant awards each mentor teacher a stipend of at least \$2,000 per school year (\$2,500 per school year if the mentor teacher holds a masters' degree or is National Board certified). Grants may be awarded for up to three years. Beginning in FY 2020-21, the DHE must report specified data concerning grant program implementation and any recommendations for legislative changes.

The bill requires that the CDE collaborate with the DHE to create a mentor teacher endorsement for teachers who mentor or oversee teacher candidates in accordance with standards, guidelines, and best practices for teacher preparation programs adopted by the departments.

Finally, the bill relocates with nonsubstantive changes the existing Collaborative Educator Preparation Grant Program and the Rural Colorado Grow Your Own Educator Act, which provides grants for teaching fellowship programs.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Higher Education by \$1,230,525 in FY 2019-20, and by \$1,180,473 in FY 2020-21. New costs are displayed in Table 2 and described below.

**Table 2  
Expenditures Under SB 19-190**

	<b>FY 2019-20</b>	<b>FY 2020-21</b>
<b>Department of Higher Education</b>		
Personal Services	\$87,134	\$47,527
Operating & Capital Outlay	\$5,653	\$950
Teacher Mentor Grants	\$1,125,000	\$1,125,000
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$12,738	\$6,996
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,230,525</b>	<b>\$1,180,473</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.9 FTE</b>	<b>0.5 FTE</b>

\* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Personal services.** The DHE requires 0.9 FTE in FY 2019-20 to work with the CDE on teacher preparation program guidelines and to create and administer the new grant program. New staff will collaborate with representatives of the CDE and with the institutions of higher education to review and analyze best practices for teacher preparation programs and develop guidelines for adoption by the DHE and CDE for evaluating pre-service programs. New staff will also create an application process, review and evaluate grant applications, provide technical assistance to grant applicants and recipients, and ensure program accountability. Administrative expenses reduces to 0.5 FTE beginning FY 2020-21.

**Teacher mentor grants.** Teacher preparation programs place over 1,000 pre-service teacher candidates in clinical experience in public schools annually. Assuming that one quarter of these students are partnered with a mentor teacher, and that one quarter are placed with highly qualified mentor teachers (i.e., with a masters' degree or National Board certification), grant awards will require \$1,125,000 annually.

**Centrally appropriated costs.** Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$12,738 in FY 2019-20 and \$6,966 in FY 2020-21.

### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took on effect May 10, 2019.

### **State Appropriations**

Consistent with this final fiscal note, for FY 2019-20, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1,217,787 to the Department of Higher Education and 0.9 FTE.

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