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Bill Topic: PARENTS ENCOURAGING PARENTS CONFERENCE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education hold up to four Parents Encouraging Parents conferences per year. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2019-20, the bill requires an appropriation of \$68,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-215

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) provide up to four Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) conferences per year. The bill specifies provisions for the conferences, including logistics, application procedures, and conference curriculum. Conferences are limited to 120 parents and professionals who work with children with disabilities, and the number of professional attending may not exceed 20 percent of the parents attending. CDE must provide lodging and food for the conference.

Background

PEP conferences bring together parents and families of children with disabilities and professionals in the field to offer education, support, information, and provide a forum to discuss ideas, concerns, success, and questions. CDE currently holds four conferences per year. The conferences are funded through federal IDEA Part B funds for state education agency activities; however, beginning in FY 2018-19, the federal Department of Education did not approve use of the funding to provide food for participants. As a result, federal funding covered \$147,800 in facility and lodging costs, and \$72,780 in conference costs, such as presenters, facilitators, materials, and translation and interpreter services, in FY 2018-19. Food was not provided for participants.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2019-20, the bill increases state General Fund expenditures in CDE by \$68,000. Because federal funding is expected to continue to cover facility and conference costs, CDE only requires state funding to cover the cost of providing food to participants. Based on actual food costs for the four conferences offered in FY 2017-18, the amount required is expected to total \$68,000 per year.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

In FY 2019-20, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$68,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

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