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Bill Topic: MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT INFO

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, TABOR Refund, State Expenditure, School District, State Transfer, Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires the community college system to distribute information on concurrent enrollment to middle school students. The bill increases state expenditures and school district workload.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2020-21, this bill requires an appropriation of \$285,000 to the Colorado Community College System.

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

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 20-095

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) to collaborate with school districts and charter schools to develop and disseminate informational materials on concurrent enrollment for the parents of students in grades six through eight. The materials must explain the benefits of participating in concurrent enrollment in high school, the types of courses available, the requirements and process for enrolling, and contact information for the district or charter school staff who oversees concurrent enrollment.

The materials must be distributed beginning in the fall of the 2020-21 academic year, in collaboration with school districts and charter schools. The materials must be provided by direct mail and electronically at least once during the school year and once during the summer. Information may also be provided through public service announcements or other mass communication means.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2020-21, the bill increases state General Fund expenditures in CCCS by \$285,000 annually. Expenditures include \$7,000 for the development of printed materials, as well as the cost to print and send information on concurrent enrollment to approximately 164,000 households twice per year. Assuming \$0.45 to print each mailer, and \$0.40 each in postage, costs total \$285,000.

This fiscal note does not include costs for electronic communication and media, and assumes that sending information to students electronically will be done by email via the school districts and will not require additional funding. For informational purposes, the cost to develop a full electronic toolkit and associated collateral is estimated at \$40,000. In addition, it is assumed that earned media and public service announcements are optional and will only be completed within current CCCS appropriations. For informational purposes, the cost for media and public service announcements is estimated at \$100,000.

School District

The bill increases workload for school districts to assist the community college system in distributing the informational materials to students and charter schools.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$285,000 to the Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education.

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