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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: CDE REPORT CONCERNING SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

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

The bill requires the Colorado Department of Education to report on the number of licensed school psychologists employed in schools. It increases state expenditures in FY 2021-22 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$35,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 21-1273

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2021-22, and Out Year FY 2022-23. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to prepare an annual report on the number of pupils enrolled in public schools and the number of school psychologists in the state who are licensed by the department and employed by a school district, Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), or a charter school. The data must be disaggregated by school district, BOCES, and the State Charter School Institute. The report must be public 30 days after its completion.

State Expenditures

In FY 2021-22 only, state General Fund expenditures in the CDE will increase by \$35,000 to link two different data systems to produce the report. Currently, the CDE collects licensing data in one database and collects employment data in another; these databases will need to be linked in order to provide data on the number of licensed school psychologists and where they are employed. The fiscal note assumes the work will take 280 hours at a rate of \$125 an hour.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$35,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education School Districts