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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Cutter Sen. Kolker	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: CDE REPORT CONCERNING SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 and includes an appropriation of \$35,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

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

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 21-1273**

		Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$35,000	-
Transfers		-	-
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

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on July 2, 2021.

State Appropriations

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Education School Districts