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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: LITERACY CURRICULUM TRANSPARENCY

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

The bill requires the Colorado Department of Education to collect and post Colorado READ Act information on its website. The bill will increase state expenditures.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$91,944 to the Colorado Department of Education.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-151

Table with 4 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2021-22, Out Year FY 2022-23, and Revenue/Expenditures/Transfers. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

## Summary of Legislation

The bill requires local education providers (LEPs) to submit certain information related to the Colorado READ Act, including curriculum, instructional programs, how early literacy funding is used, and the number of students who have literacy plans and who are no longer identified as having a significant reading deficiency. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) must post the information on its website in a user-friendly format, and each LEP must provide a link to the CDE information on their website.

## State Expenditures

The bill will increase state expenditures in the CDE by \$96,929 and 0.3 FTE in FY 2021-22 and by \$26,929 and 0.3 FTE in FY 2022-23, as shown in Table 2 and described below. Funding will come from the Early Literacy Cash Fund.

**Table 2**  
**Expenditures Under SB 21-151**

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
<b>Department of Education</b>		
Personal Services	\$21,944	\$21,944
Computer Programming	\$70,000	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>1</sup>	\$4,985	\$4,985
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$96,929</b>	<b>\$26,929</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.3 FTE</b>	<b>0.3 FTE</b>

<sup>1</sup> Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Staffing costs.** The CDE will require 0.3 FTE starting in FY 2021-22 to develop a process for LEPs to submit data, create written guidance for LEPs, review submissions, upload data to the website, and to provide technical assistance.

**Reporting tool.** In FY 2021-22 only, expenditures in the CDE will increase by \$70,000 to modify the reporting system to include the components required by the bill. The fiscal note assumes that the development will take 560 hours at a rate of \$125 per hour.

## School District

The bill will increase workload for LEPs to provide requested information to the CDE and post a link to their website.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2021-22, the bill includes an appropriation of \$91,944 from the Early Literacy Cash Fund to the Colorado Department of Education, and 0.3 FTE.

## **Effective Date**

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 18, 2021.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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