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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: COLORADO CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> School District

The bill creates the Colorado Career Advisor Training Program in the Colorado Department of Education to provide training programs and courses for career advisors to develop the skills necessary to assist individuals toward meaningful careers. The bill increases state expenditures beginning FY 2022-23, which are assumed to continue in future years.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$1.0 million to the Colorado Career Advisor Training Program Cash Fund in the Colorado Department of Education.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
	Centrally Appropriated	\$16,426	\$9,688
	Total Expenditures	\$1,016,426	\$1,009,688
	Total FTE	1.0 FTE	0.6 FTE
Transfers¹	General Fund	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)
	Cash Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
	Net Transfer	\$0	\$0
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$150,000	\$150,000

¹The bill requires that funding for the program be transferred to the program cash fund via an appropriation from the General Fund in FY 2022-23. This transfer is assumed to continue in future years, but may be appropriated at the discretion of the General Assembly.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Colorado Career Advisor Training Program in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to provide training and courses for career advisors to improve skills necessary to assist individuals toward meaningful careers. The CDE must administer the program and select entities to receive grants and the amount of each award. The CDE must also monitor the effectiveness of programs receiving grant funds. The bill creates the Colorado Career Advisor Training Program Cash Fund in the CDE and requires that the General Assembly appropriate \$1.0 million from the General Fund for the program in FY 2022-23. The CDE has continuous spending authority from the cash fund.

State Transfers

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires the transfer of \$1.0 million from the General Fund to the Colorado Career Advisor Training Program Cash Fund in CDE. The bill requires that this transfer occur via an appropriation from the General Fund to the program cash fund. The fiscal note assumes that \$1.0 million will be transferred annually; however, the General Assembly may adjust funding for the program at its discretion.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the CDE by \$1.0 million per year beginning in FY 2022-23, paid from the continuously appropriated Colorado Career Advisor Training Program Cash Fund. While the fiscal note assumes the program will have ongoing expenses, actual expenditures in FY 2023-24 and beyond will depend on the actual amounts appropriated to the fund in future years. Estimated expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 22-165

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Colorado Department of Education		
Personal Services	\$71,441	\$41,001
Operating Expenses	\$1,485	\$810
Capital Outlay Costs	\$6,200	-
Career Advisor Grants	\$920,874	\$958,189
Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹	\$16,426	\$9,688
Total Cost	\$1,016,426	\$1,009,668
Total FTE	1.0 FTE	0.6 FTE

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Personal services. The Office of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (OPWR) will add one lead staff to create and oversee grant applications and awards, and to work with one or more community-based organizations to provide technical assistance and career advisor training. The OPWR will also serve as the primary liaison between the grantees and the CDE. New staff resources include a senior consultant with subject matter expertise, and additional administrative capacity in the Grants Program Administration Office and the Grants Fiscal Management Unit.

Career advisor grants. After administrative expenses, \$920,874 is available for grants and career advisor training in FY 2022-23. In FY 2023-24 and future years, around \$958,000 will be available for grants, assuming an annual transfer to the program fund of \$1.0 million.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve beginning in FY 2022-23. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by \$150,000 in both FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

School District

School districts will have increased revenue and workload to participate in the grant program.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Colorado Career Advisor Training Program Cash Fund, and 1.0 FTE. The cash fund is continuously appropriated to the CDE.

State and Local Government Contacts

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