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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: **EXPAND SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS GRANT PROGRAM**

**Summary of
Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill adds improving the rate of students completing a program of postsecondary education to the goal of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program. The bill increases state and school district workload on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation
Summary:**

No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note
Status:**

This fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the Making Higher Education Attainable Interim Study Committee.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, one of the goals of the School Counselor Corps Grant Program is to increase the availability of school-based counseling to improve graduation rates and increase the percentage of students who are prepared for, apply to, and continue into postsecondary education. The bill adds improving the rate of students completing a program of postsecondary education to the goal of the program, and requires that grant applications specify how the postsecondary preparation services provided help prepare enrolled students to complete a postsecondary program.

Background

The School Counselor Corps Grant Program was created in 2008 to increase the availability of school-based counseling and increase the graduation rate for and percentage of students who continue into postsecondary education. Since the program's inception, 427 secondary schools, representing 101 districts, have participated. For FY 2019-20, the program was appropriated about \$10.0 million from the State Education Fund.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2020-21, the bill increases workload in the Colorado Department of Education to ensure that program goals are met, modify the application materials, and verify that grant applications received include the required content. No change in appropriations is required.

School District Impact

The bill increases workload for any school district that is submitting an application to include the information required by the bill. The specific workload will vary by school district.

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 and Local Government Contacts

Education