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HB16-1050

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Pettersen
Sen. Merrifield

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BILL TOPIC: LOW-INCOME PARENTS EDUCATION CHILD CARE

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	<u>\$25,533</u>	
General Fund	19,833	
Centrally Appropriated Costs	5,700	
FTE Position Change	0.4 FTE	
Appropriation Required: \$19,833 - Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (FY 2016-17).		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

NOTE: This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

The bill, recommended by the Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission, creates a task force to address issues relating to the child care needs of low-income parents. Its mission is to develop strategies and procedures for state and local agencies, and institutions of higher education, to use in coordinating efforts that address the child care needs of low-income parents who are seeking to advance their education.

Specifically, the task force is required to:

- identify and reduce barriers to obtaining child care;
- determine whether state, federal, and campus-based financial resources are meeting the needs of parents pursuing further education;
- review and streamline administrative processes for the provision of child care;
- create a plan for communicating child care availability and processes; and
- recommend legislation to address issues related to child care for parents pursuing further education.

The bill sets the conditions for the selection and composition of the task force, which will have between 17 and 19 members. Task force members serve without per diem or reimbursement of costs. The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), the Colorado Department

of Education (CDE), the Department of Higher Education (DHE), and the Department of Human Services (CDHS) are required to provide staff support to the task force. The task force must hold its first meeting no later than September 1, 2016. A final report must be submitted by the task force to the health and human services committees of the General Assembly by March 1, 2017, and to the Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission by July 1, 2017. The task force is repealed July 1, 2017.

State Expenditures

The bill increase state General Fund expenditures by **\$25,533 and 0.4 FTE in FY 2016-17**. This is a one-time cost in the CDLE. Other agencies, including the DHE, CDE, and CDHS will also have increased workload. These costs are described below.

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. The fiscal note assumes that the CDLE will be the lead agency for staffing and coordinating the activities of the task force. Further, it is assumed that the task force will meet regularly for nine months from July 1, 2016, to March 30, 2017. During this time, staff support from a half-time staff person will be required to organize meeting agendas, conduct administrative tasks, and prepare the required report for the task force. This is equivalent to 0.4 FTE, resulting in personal service costs of \$19,833 in FY 2016-17.

Other agency workload. The DHE, CDE, and CDHS will also have increased workload for their staff to serve on the task force. This workload will be minimal and can be accomplished within existing resources. Therefore, no additional appropriations are required.

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. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are estimated in the fiscal note for informational purposes and estimated to be \$5,700 in FY 2016-17 for employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments.

Local Government Impact

Some counties will have increased workload under the bill, as the task force will include two members who are employed by county departments of human or social services and work in child care issues. Those task force members will not receive a per diem or reimbursement of costs.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on April 27, 2016.

State Appropriations

For FY 2016-17, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$19,833 to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment along with an allocation of 0.4 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education
Higher Education

Labor and Employment
Human Services

Governor's Office
Counties

Research Note Available

An LCS Research Note for HB16-1050 is available online and through the iLegislate app. Research notes provide additional policy and background information about the bill and summarize action taken by the General Assembly concerning the bill.