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FISCAL NOTE

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

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BILL TOPIC: LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS ADMIN SALARY INCREASES

Summary of Legislation

For school districts with priority improvement or turnaround status, if the board of education of that district considers a salary increase for the superintendent, this bill requires that the board publish a notice of the proposal at least seven days before the public meeting at which the proposal will be discussed. If the board decides to increase the salary, the board must publish notice of the increase at least seven days before the public meeting at which the board will take action on the proposed increase.

The same requirements apply to board action to increase the salary of principals or vice principals in a school that is in priority improvement or turnaround status. In the case of charter schools with either status, the schools governing board must publish the required notices.

Background

Priority improvement and turnaround status are the two lowest categories of accreditation that the state assigns to schools and districts. Schools and districts with this level of accreditation are required to improve performance within five years or face various forms of state intervention.

Currently, the following ten districts are affected by the bill: Adams County 14, Adams-Arapahoe 28, Aguilar, Ignacio, Julesburg, Montezuma-Cortez, Pueblo City, San Juan BOCES, Sheridan, and Westminster 50. Many other school districts have at least one school in a low accreditation status and will also be required to give public notice when considering a salary increase for principals or vice principals in those schools.

School District Impact

The bill results in a minimal expenditure increase for boards of education and charter school governing boards to comply with new public notification requirements.

Under current law, school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) may submit a separate estimate of fiscal impacts within seven days of a bill's introduction. Estimates submitted by districts or BOCES for this bill can be found on the Legislative Council website at this address: <http://1.usa.gov/23AxLIT>

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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