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HB 18-1130

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Williams D.; Arndt Sen. Gardner	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** SCHOOL DISTRICT-AUTHORIZED INSTRUCTORS

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

The bill changes the experience requirement for teachers who are licensed in another state to obtain a Colorado teachers license. The bill increases state revenue and workload by a minimal amount on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) may issue a professional teacher or special services license to an applicant who holds a comparable license in another state, and who has at least three years of continuous experience. The bill changes the experience requirement to be at least three years of experience within the previous seven years.

## State Revenue

The bill potentially increases the number of license applications from previously licensed, out-of-state teachers to obtain a Colorado license, thus potentially increasing state revenue to the Educator Licensure Cash Fund in CDE beginning in FY 2018-19. The fee for a previously licensed, out of state teacher to obtain a Colorado license is \$110. CDE receives about 1,400 applications per year from teachers or special services providers who currently hold a similar license in another state; a one percent increase (14 new applications) would result in a revenue increase of \$1,540. The fiscal note assumes that any increase in the number of new applications as a result of the bill will be minimal.

**TABOR Impact**

The bill potentially increases state cash revenue subject to TABOR by a minimal amount in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20, which will potentially increase the amount of money required to be refunded under TABOR for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. Since the bill may increase the TABOR refund obligation without a corresponding change in General Fund revenue, the amount of money available in the General Fund for the budget may decrease by an identical amount. A TABOR refund obligation is not expected for the current FY 2017-18. State revenue subject to TABOR is not estimated for years beyond FY 2019-20.

**State Expenditures**

The bill increases workload for CDE by a minimal amount beginning in FY 2018-19 to process additional license applications. CDE receives approximately 3,500 applications from out-of-state applicants per year, of which about 1,400 are from teachers or special services providers who currently hold a similar license in another state. It is anticipated that some potential applicants whose experience occurred more than seven years ago will no longer be able to apply; however, the fiscal note assumes that the bill will result in a minimal net increase in applications from those applicants whose years of experience are not consecutive. The additional workload is expected to be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 29, 2018, and takes effect on August 8, 2018, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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