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**SB 18-151**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

<b>Drafting Number:</b>	LLS 18-0846	<b>Date:</b>	June 20, 2018
<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Fields; Priola Rep. Buckner; Wilson	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** CDE BULLYING POLICIES RESEARCH

<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<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 requires the Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, to research bullying policies and practices and create a sample policy for bullying prevention. The bill increases workload at both agencies on an ongoing basis.

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

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

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) research policies, approaches, and practices related to bullying prevention and education used by education providers, institutions of higher education, public agencies in other states, or other public or private organizations whose information is freely available. By July 1, 2019, CDE, in consultation with the School Safety Resource Center in the Department of Public Safety (DPS), must develop a sample policy for bullying prevention and education. The research and model policy must be posted on the CDE website and updated every three years.

**State Expenditures**

Beginning in FY 2018-19, the bill increases the workload for CDE and DPS to conduct research on bullying prevention practices utilized by other states and to develop a model policy. For CDE, the increase in workload is accommodated by the staff currently implementing the bullying prevention and education grant program. For DPS, staff from the School Safety Resource Center will coordinate with CDE to develop a model policy. For both departments, the workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 23, 2018, and takes effect on August 8, 2018, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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Public Safety