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Bill Topic: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SMALL RURAL SCHOOLS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires that the General Assembly appropriate \$10.0 million, to be distributed on a per pupil basis to small, rural school districts with under 1,000 students, and state Charter School Institute schools in small, rural accounting districts. The bill increases state expenditures and revenue to school districts in FY 2018-19 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2018-19, the bill requires an appropriation of \$10.0 million to the Colorado Department of Education.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 18-215

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

For FY 2018-19 only, the bill requires that the General Assembly appropriate \$10 million for small, rural school districts and state Charter School Institute (CSI) schools with small, rural accounting school districts, to be used for nonrecurring expenses. Eligible districts must be designated as rural by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and enroll fewer than 1,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Funds are distributed on a per pupil basis and must be distributed to charter schools in each district based on each charter school's enrollment.

Background

CDE is charged with determining which districts are considered small, rural districts. Currently, 147 of the 178 school districts in Colorado are designated as rural or small rural districts, based on criteria established by CDE. There are 41 state CSI schools, of which one is in a small, rural district with under 1,000 students (Frontier Charter Academy in Calhan RJ-1 School District).

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures by \$10.0 million in FY 2018-19. The fiscal note assumes that these expenditures are from the General Fund. Funds are distributed to school districts based on the FY 2017-18 funded pupil count of each district and the total student enrollment at CSI schools. Funded pupil count and CSI enrollment at rural or small rural districts totaled 36,429 in FY 2017-18, resulting in a per pupil distribution amount of \$274.51 per pupil. Appendix A shows a breakdown of total funds distributed to each district.

School District Impact

The bill increases state revenue to small, rural districts and CSI charter schools on a one-time basis. Funds are to be spent on nonrecurring expenses. Funding is distributed based on funded pupil count and total enrollment at state CSI schools. Appendix A shows the distribution of funding among qualified school districts.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2018-19, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education

**Appendix A
 Funding Distribution Under SB 18-215**

District	Rural Designation	FY 2017-18 Funded Pupil Count*	Distribution Under SB18-215
Academy	-	24,331	-
Adams 12 Five Star	-	41,916	-
Agate	Small Rural	50	\$13,725
Aguilar	Small Rural	112	\$30,799
Akron	Small Rural	355	\$97,422
Alamosa	-	2,344	-
Archuleta	-	1,620	-
Arickaree	Small Rural	101	\$27,643
Arriba-Flagler	Small Rural	167	\$45,842
Aspen	Rural	1,658	-
Ault-Highland	Small Rural	903	\$247,823
Aurora	-	39,917	-
Bayfield	Rural	1,324	-
Bennett	Rural	1,047	-
Bethune	Small Rural	111	\$30,470
Big Sandy	Small Rural	302	\$82,928
Boulder	-	29,822	-
Branson	Small Rural	448	\$123,088
Briggsdale	Small Rural	166	\$45,568
Brighton	-	17,806	-
Brush	Rural	1,472	-
Buena Vista	Small Rural	965	\$264,760
Buffalo	Small Rural	306	\$84,053
Burlington	Small Rural	719	\$197,369
Byers	Rural	2,718	-
Calhan	Small Rural	474	\$130,198
Campo	Small Rural	50	\$13,725
Canon City	Rural	3,670	-
Centennial	Small Rural	217	\$59,623
Center	Small Rural	649	\$178,044
Cheraw	Small Rural	199	\$54,572
Cherry Creek	-	52,724	-
Cheyenne	Small Rural	169	\$46,419
Cheyenne Mountain	-	4,946	-
Clear Creek	Small Rural	800	\$219,549
Colorado Springs	-	30,132	-
Commerce City	-	8,047	-
Cotopaxi	Small Rural	200	\$54,874
Creede	Small Rural	81	\$22,125

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Cripple Creek	Small Rural	347	\$95,143
Crowley	Small Rural	450	\$123,390
Debeque	Small Rural	162	\$44,470
Deer Trail	Small Rural	181	\$49,603
Del Norte	Small Rural	439	\$120,480
Delta	Rural	4,705	-
Denver	-	87,118	-
Dolores	Small Rural	284	\$77,959
Dolores	Small Rural	696	\$191,083
Douglas	-	64,504	-
Durango	Rural	5,503	-
Eads	Small Rural	169	\$46,364
Eagle	-	6,895	-
East Grand	Rural	1,257	-
East Otero	Rural	1,429	-
Eaton	Rural	1,902	-
Edison	Small Rural	195	\$53,419
Elbert	Small Rural	212	\$58,168
Elizabeth	Rural	2,337	-
Ellicott	Small Rural	977	\$268,054
Englewood	-	2,640	-
Estes Park	Rural	1,072	-
Falcon	-	22,502	-
Florence	Rural	1,356	-
Fountain	-	7,827	-
Fowler	Small Rural	394	\$108,155
Frenchman	Small Rural	184	\$50,399
Ft. Lupton	Rural	2,260	-
Genoa-Hugo	Small Rural	166	\$45,568
Gilcrest	Rural	1,864	-
Gilpin	Small Rural	440	\$120,782
Granada	Small Rural	193	\$53,089
Greeley	-	21,661	-
Gunnison	Rural	1,959	-
Hanover	Small Rural	257	\$70,603
Harrison	-	11,452	-
Haxtun	Small Rural	311	\$85,371
Hayden	Small Rural	402	\$110,296
Hi Plains	Small Rural	100	\$27,560

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Hinsdale	Small Rural	93	\$25,419
Hoehne	Small Rural	353	\$96,983
Holly	Small Rural	288	\$79,003
Holyoke	Small Rural	587	\$161,244
Huerfano	Small Rural	526	\$144,445
Idalia RJ-3	Small Rural	204	\$55,944
Ignacio	Small Rural	824	\$226,055
Jefferson	-	80,996	-
Johnston	Rural	3,703	-
Julesberg	Small Rural	498	\$136,813
Karval	Small Rural	50	\$13,725
Keensburg	Rural	2,283	-
Kim	Small Rural	52	\$14,192
Kiowa	Small Rural	264	\$72,332
Kit Carson	Small Rural	111	\$30,525
La Veta	Small Rural	214	\$58,799
Lake	Small Rural	973	\$267,148
Lamar	Rural	1,483	-
Las Animas	Rural	1,686	-
Lewis Palmer	-	6,301	-
Liberty J-4	Small Rural	65	\$17,760
Limon	Small Rural	485	\$133,135
Littleton	-	14,704	-
Lone Star	Small Rural	117	\$32,145
Mancos	Small Rural	462	\$126,931
Manitou Springs	-	1,406	-
Manzanola	Small Rural	133	\$36,564
Mapleton	-	8,463	-
McClave	Small Rural	245	\$67,144
Meeker	Small Rural	691	\$189,738
Mesa Valley	-	21,928	-
Miami-Yoder	Small Rural	282	\$77,520
Moffat	Small Rural	220	\$60,364
Moffat	Rural	2,070	-
Monte Vista	Rural	1,114	-
Montezuma	Rural	2,706	-
Montrose	Rural	5,870	-
Mountain Valley	Small Rural	123	\$33,874
Mt. Morgan	Rural	3,112	-

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North Conejos	Rural	1,035	-
North Park	Small Rural	175	\$48,038
Norwood	Small Rural	245	\$67,144
Otis	Small Rural	231	\$63,466
Ouray	Small Rural	171	\$46,940
Parachute	Rural	1,103	-
Park	Small Rural	664	\$182,326
Pawnee	Small Rural	81	\$22,125
Peyton	Small Rural	637	\$174,777
Plainview	Small Rural	60	\$16,333
Plateau	Small Rural	161	\$44,168
Plateau Valley	Small Rural	443	\$121,661
Platte Canyon	Small Rural	924	\$253,560
Platte Valley	Small Rural	128	\$35,054
Platte Valley	Rural	1,122	-
Poudre	-	29,884	-
Prairie	Small Rural	198	\$54,242
Primero	Small Rural	182	\$49,823
Pritchett	Small Rural	50	\$13,725
Pueblo City	-	16,746	-
Pueblo Rural	-	9,431	-
Rangely	Small Rural	488	\$133,931
Ridgway	Small Rural	325	\$89,214
Rifle	Rural	4,715	-
Roaring Fork	Rural	6,056	-
Rocky Ford	Small Rural	800	\$219,494
Salida	Rural	1,280	-
Sanford	Small Rural	368	\$100,908
Sangre de Cristo	Small Rural	297	\$81,638
Sargent	Small Rural	407	\$111,669
Sheridan	-	1,358	-
Sierra Grande	Small Rural	280	\$76,861
Silverton	Small Rural	67	\$18,502
South Conejos	Small Rural	203	\$55,807
South Routt	Small Rural	342	\$93,853
Springfield	Small Rural	301	\$82,516
St Vrain	-	30,032	-
Steamboat Springs	Rural	2,713	-
Strasburg	Small Rural	957	\$262,619

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Stratton	Small Rural	203	\$55,587
Summit	Rural	3,395	-
Swink	Small Rural	362	\$99,234
Telluride	Small Rural	900	\$247,109
Thompson	-	15,230	-
Trinidad	Small Rural	1,045	-
Valley	Rural	2,126	-
Vilas	Small Rural	50	\$13,725
Walsh	Small Rural	143	\$39,199
Weldon	Small Rural	214	\$58,744
West End	Small Rural	280	\$76,889
West Grand	Small Rural	428	\$117,516
Westcliffe	Small Rural	361	\$99,151
Westminster	-	10,396	-
Widefield	-	9,048	-
Wiggins	Small Rural	574	\$157,621
Wiley	Small Rural	238	\$65,222
Windsor	Rural	5,965	-
Woodland Park	Rural	2,348	-
Woodlin	Small Rural	94	\$25,886
Wray RD-2	Small Rural	670	\$183,836
Yuma 1	Small Rural	771	\$211,506
TOTAL		865,017	\$10,000,000

**includes CSI schools*