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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Kraft-Tharp; Larson Sen. Todd	Bill Status:	House Education
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Bill Topic: INCLUDE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN BEST PROGRAM

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill expands the types of capital construction that may be provided to public school districts and charter schools under the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant program. The bill increases the types of projects that may be funded, but does not increase total expenditures from the grant program.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board (the board) to provide grants for equipment, new construction, or the retrofitting of public schools for career and technical education under the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program.

The bill requires that the board annually report to the General Assembly the career and technical capital construction grants that were issued or denied during the preceding year.

Background

The BEST program was established in 2008 to provide state grants for capital construction and the maintenance of public school facilities. BEST is a competitive grant program available to school districts, charter schools, Boards of Cooperative Educational Services, and to the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. The program is funded from a combination of State Land Board proceeds, marijuana excise tax, Colorado Lottery spillover funds, and interest accrued in the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund. Matching funds are required from grant recipients. The board prioritizes a list of projects annually and makes recommendations for funding to the State Board of Education.

State Expenditures

The bill does not change the total amount of grant funding provided for capital construction projects in K12 from the BEST program; however, by expanding the eligibility criteria used by the board to determine grant awards, additional applications may be considered for participation in the program.

The bill minimally increases workload within the Colorado Department of Education to revise the BEST capital construction guidelines and application process to include career and technical education programs. This workload does not require additional appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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