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Bill Topic: MEDIA LITERACY

**Summary of
Fiscal Impact:**

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- School District

The bill creates an advisory committee to recommend best practices for teaching media literacy in public schools. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2019-20 only.

**Appropriation
Summary:**

The bill requires an appropriation of \$17,465 to the Colorado Department of Education.

**Fiscal Note
Status:**

This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under XB 19-1110**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$17,465	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the nine-member Media Literacy Advisory Committee in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and sets conditions for the committee's appointment and composition. No later than March 1, 2020, the committee is required to report on and recommend revisions to existing state standards, and best practices for implementing media literacy in elementary and secondary education. No later than September 1, 2020, the CDE must implement media literacy in state academic standards if practicable. The bill is repealed July 1, 2021.

State Expenditures

The bill increases General Fund expenditures to the CDE by \$17,465 in FY 2019-20 only. The bill also increases the administrative workload for the department. Costs are detailed in Table 1 and include travel and expense reimbursement for committee members, and professional facilitation. New state expenditures are estimated based on nine committee members meeting five times in FY 2019-20.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 19-1110

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Colorado Department of Education		
Committee Member Travel / Expenses	\$8,465	-
Facilitation	\$9,000	-
Total Cost	\$17,465	-

Travel costs. This fiscal note assumes that committee members are reimbursed for actual and reasonable travel costs to committee meetings. Mileage reimbursement, overnight lodging, per diem, venue and catering expenses for nine members and staff to meet five times in FY 2019-20 are estimated at \$8,465.

Professional facilitation. The committee will require the administrative assistance of an outside facilitator to work with the CDE to develop a work plan, coordinate committee communication and meeting logistics, conduct meetings, and prepare a final report. Assuming a contract price of \$1,000 per day, 2 days of planning, 5 meetings, and 2 days to prepare a final report and recommendations, facilitation costs amount to \$9,000.

Administrative workload. The bill increases the CDE's administrative workload and costs to coordinate the committee's meetings. This fiscal note assumes 15 hours of staff time for each committee meeting, including preparation, staffing the event, and helping the facilitator report the committee's recommendations to the SBE. Assuming five required meetings annually, this implies a minimum workload increase of 75 hours annually. This increase in workload does not require an appropriation.

School District

Committee membership includes at least two teachers and one administrator. Depending on the timing of committee meetings, participation may require that a school or a district replace these educators with substitutes during their absence, increasing local expenditures. On average, substitute teacher expenses are about \$150 per day for affected districts.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2019-20, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$17,465 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education School Districts