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HB 19-1110

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Cutter
Sen. Pettersen

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: MEDIA LITERACY

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <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"/> 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 \$19,816 to the Colorado Department of Education.

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

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

| | | FY 2019-20 | FY 2020-21 |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue | | - | - |
| Expenditures | General Fund | \$19,816 | - |
| Transfers | | - | - |
| TABOR Refund | | - | - |

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the 13-member Media Literacy Advisory Committee in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and sets conditions for the committee's appointment and composition. 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 July 15, 2019, the Commissioner of Education must hire a consultant to perform the research and analysis required to prepare the committee report. The consultant must distribute his or her research, analysis, and draft reports to the committee members for feedback at least monthly. No later than November 1, 2019, the committee and consultant must convene to discuss the draft report and make recommendations for the final report. The final report and recommendations must be presented to the state legislature no later than January 1, 2020. The bill is repealed July 1, 2021.

State Expenditures

The bill increases General Fund expenditures to the CDE by \$19,816 in FY 2019-20 only. Costs are detailed in Table 1 and described below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 19-1110

| | FY 2019-20 | FY 2020-21 |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| Colorado Department of Education | | |
| Committee Member Travel / Expenses | \$916 | - |
| Meeting Venue and Catering | \$450 | - |
| Research Consultant / Report Writer | \$18,000 | - |
| Substitute Teacher Reimbursement | \$450 | - |
| Total Cost | \$19,816 | - |

Travel costs, meeting venue and catering. This fiscal note assumes that committee members are reimbursed for actual and reasonable travel costs to a single in-person committee meeting. Costs are estimated for mileage reimbursement, overnight lodging, per diem, venue and catering expenses for 13 members and staff. Up to 6 additional meetings are expected to be held using online meeting technology; however, there is no additional cost to conduct these online meetings.

Research consultant. The CDE is required to contract with an outside researcher and report writer to assemble necessary research and best practices and to prepare a final report. Based on similar contracts administered at the CDE, this research contract is estimated at \$18,000.

Substitute teachers. In order for current teachers to participate in the advisory committee, the CDE will reimburse school districts for the cost of substitute teachers when these committee members are unable to attend school.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 3, 2019.

State Appropriations

Consistent with this final fiscal note, for FY 2019-20, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$19,816 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education