



Legislative  
Council Staff

*Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature*

**FISCAL NOTE**

<b>Drafting Number:</b>	LLS 19-1051	<b>Date:</b>	April 10, 2019
<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Benavidez; Jaquez Lewis	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House Education
		<b>Fiscal Analyst:</b>	Anna Gerstle   303-866-4375 Anna.Gerstle@state.co.us

**Bill Topic:** TRANSFER APPRENTICESHIP CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT

**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 creates a working group in the Colorado Community College System to study the transfer of construction industry registered apprenticeship program credit to college credit. The bill increases expenditures in FY 2019-20 only.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2019-20, the bill requires an appropriation of \$15,000 to the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The bill reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 19-1294**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$15,000	-
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) to convene a working group to determine the best way to transfer construction industry registered apprenticeship program credit to college credit. If possible, the working group must include representatives of community colleges, area technical schools, local district colleges, relevant four-year institutions, and applicable union and non-union labor organizations.

The working group must meet during the interim after the 2019 legislative session. The group must solicit input from subject matter experts and must consider:

- how best to align construction industry apprenticeship curriculum with existing community college courses;
- the possibility of apprenticeship program course work culminating in significant progress towards a degree;
- how best to clarify the differences between a registered apprenticeship program and a work-study program, and the requirement for different programs;
- whether it is feasible for all community colleges to offer registered apprenticeship programs.

The working group must report to the General Assembly with its recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation, by December 31, 2019. The bill is repealed July 1, 2020.

## State Expenditures

In FY 2019-20, the bill increase state General Fund expenditures by \$15,000 to the CCCS. The increased expenditures cover the costs of convening the working group four times prior to the December 31, 2019 deadline. Expenditures are estimated at \$1,750 for a meeting to be held in Denver, and \$11,250 to hold three meetings outside of Denver. Costs include discounted room and audio visual equipment rates at community colleges, lodging for working group members, and CCCS staff travel. In addition, the CCCS requires \$2,000 to facilitate meetings and compile findings for the final report.

**Institutions of higher education.** The bill increases the workload for state institutions of higher education, including local district colleges and area technical colleges, to participate in the working group. The workload increase is expected to be minimal.

## Effective Date

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

## State Appropriations

In FY 2019-20, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$15,000 to the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Higher Education