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HB 20-1300

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Buentello; Pelton Sen. Bridges; Coram	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **CHANGES TO LOCAL SCHOOL FOOD PURCHASING 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 modifies aspects of a grant program in the Colorado Department of Education that encourages public schools to use Colorado produced foods for school meal programs. The bill modifies but does not increase state expenditures for the program.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Food Products Purchasing Incentives Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) encourages local education providers (LEPs) or residential child care centers to purchase Colorado grown, raised, and processed products for school meal programs.

This bill makes technical changes to the grant program, including changing some application deadlines and modifying the evaluative criteria the department uses to select grantees. Further, this bill updates the reimbursement formula to \$0.05 for every meal that an LEP provided in the previous year, and specifies that if the department does not spend the full appropriation for the program, up to 5.0 percent of the appropriation is available to the department in the following year to pay for program evaluation and reporting.

State Expenditures

Although the bill updates the reimbursement formula used by the CDE, the total amount of funding for the grant program and the associated administrative costs are unchanged. When the grant program was created by House Bill 19-1132, reimbursements were calculated at a presumed reimbursement of \$0.05 per meal. This bill codifies that assumed rate of reimbursement for the program; however, the program still limits total reimbursements to \$500,000. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 27, 2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education School Districts