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Bill Topic: MEDIA LITERACY IMPLEMENTATION

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"/> School District

The bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education incorporate media literacy into academic standards for reading, writing, and civics, and create a resource bank related to media literacy. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only and workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$25,358 to the Colorado Department of Education.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1357

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$25,358	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) create and maintain an online resource bank on media literacy. If requested by a school district, and subject to available resources, the CDE must provide technical assistance with implementing policies and procedures, best practices, and recommendations related to media literacy. No later than June 30, 2021, the State Board of Education must review and adopt revisions to the state academic content standards that implement media literacy within the reading, writing, and civics standards.

State Expenditures

In FY 2020-21 only, the bill increases state General Fund expenditures by \$25,358 for CDE to convene committees of educators and experts to develop media literacy standards. Costs are listed in Table 2 and discussed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 20-1357

	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Department of Education		
Travel Reimbursements	\$10,938	-
Venue & Catering	\$5,420	-
Substitute Teacher	\$9,000	-
Total Cost	\$25,358	

Standards development. The department will convene two standards revisions committees with approximately 10 participants in each. There will be one meeting of the committee co-chairs, and three additional meetings of the full standards committees. Costs include travel reimbursements for committee members and support staff, venue costs, catering, and the cost of substitute teachers for educators on the committee. The staff time to support the committee can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Resource bank. The bill increases workload for CDE to compile and maintain the resource bank. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$25,358 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

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