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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRACT PHYSICIAN FOR PANDEMIC

**Summary of
Fiscal Impact:**

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

The bill creates a grant program to help public schools obtain medical assistance during the pandemic emergency. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only.

**Appropriation
Summary:**

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$1.0 million to the Colorado Department of Education.

**Fiscal Note
Status:**

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20B-1008**

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$1,000,000	-
	Centrally Appropriated	\$1,805	-
	Total	\$1,001,805	-
	Total FTE	0.1 FTE	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a program in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to award noncompetitive grants to local education providers (LEPs) to temporarily employ a physician during the COVID-19 emergency. LEPs may contract with a physician to provide medical advice and health assessments, and to act as a liaison with state and local health agencies. In the current FY 2020-21, the bill requires that the General Assembly appropriate \$1.0 million for the program.

LEPs may request up to \$50,000 to contract with a physician. The contract must expire within 30 days following the end of the governor's disaster emergency executive order. CDE must award grants to LEPs in the order in which requests are received, except that the department may prioritize requests from LEPs in areas experiencing a high number of COVID-19 infections or that are managing significant exposure and quarantine protocols for students and staff. The bill is repealed July 1, 2023.

State Expenditures

In FY 2020-21, the bill increases state expenditures in the CDE by \$1.0 million. After administrative expenses, the program may award about \$990,000 in grant assistance to LEPs. Administrative expenses are estimated at 0.1 FTE to implement the program in FY 2020-21 only.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 20-1008

	FY 2020-21
Colorado Department of Education	
Personal Services	\$8,904
Grants	\$991,096
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$1,805
FTE – Personal Services	0.1 FTE
Total Cost	\$1,001,805
Total FTE	0.1 FTE

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

School District

School district revenue and expenditures increase for districts that apply for and receive a grant.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Committee on Public Health Care and Human Services on November 30, 2020.

State Appropriations

In the current FY 2020-21, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$1.0 million to the Colorado Department of Education, and 0.1 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education