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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT EDUCATION STANDARDS REVIEW**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill adds student representatives to several review processes related to K-12 educational standards. The bill increases state and school district workload and expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary:

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$7,650 to the Colorado Department of Education.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-008

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$7,650	\$7,650
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$1,148	\$1,148

Summary of Legislation

Beginning September 1, 2023, the bill adds student members to:

- the state K-12 education standards development process;
- the regional educator meetings convened by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the Department of Higher Education to align the preschool through postsecondary educational system; and
- local review of education standards.

Students must be between 14 and 19 years old, and from both urban and rural areas whenever possible. Student members may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in participating, and may receive a stipend for participation in the education standards development process. CDE must promote the opportunity for student involvement and request that schools nominate students for participation.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in CDE by \$7,650 per year beginning in FY 2023-24 from the General Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 23-008

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
Department of Education		
Expense Reimbursement	\$5,850	\$5,850
Stipends	\$1,800	\$1,800
Total Cost	\$7,650	\$7,650

Expense reimbursement. The fiscal note assumes that CDE will reimburse the two participating students for travel and expenses to participate in each meeting. Based on current law and practice, 18 annual meetings are expected to involve student members. Expense reimbursements are estimated at \$250 for students from rural areas and \$75 for students from urban areas, based on the current average reimbursements for CDE standards review committee members. If a different number of total or in-person meetings occur, CDE will request funding changes through the annual budget process.

Stipends. The bill allows CDE to determine the amount of stipends for students participating in the CDE education standards review process. The fiscal note estimates \$60 per student per meeting, based on stipend amounts for youth advisory committees in other state agencies. Students will receive a stipend for both in-person and remote meetings.

Student selection. The bill increases workload for CDE to promote the opportunity for students to participate, receive nominations from local education providers, and appoint participants. No change in appropriations is required.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

School District

The bill increases workload for local education providers to nominate students, and increases workload and costs to include students in the local review of education standards.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 26, 2023, and takes effect August 7, 2023, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$7,650 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education