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Final Fiscal Note

Table with 4 columns: Drafting Number, Prime Sponsors, Date, Bill Status, Fiscal Analyst. Values include LLS 24-0228, Rep. Vigil; Titone, Sen. Winter; Marchman, May 22, 2024, Signed into Law, and John Armstrong | 303-866-6289.

Bill Topic: NON-LEGAL NAME CHANGES

Summary of Fiscal Impact table with checkboxes for State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, School District, and Statutory Public Entity.

The bill adds definitions for chosen name and gender expression to laws regarding public schools and requires schools to address a student by their chosen name. The bill will minimally increase workload for the Department of Education and school districts.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill. The bill was recommended by the Colorado Youth Advisory Council Review Committee.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires public and charter school to address a student by the student's chosen name during school functions. Intentionally using a name other than a student's chosen name is discriminatory. Students experiencing this discrimination have a right to file a report with the school district. Finally, the school district must implement a policy on how a school will honor a request for using a student's chosen name.

State Expenditures

The Department of Education and the State Board of Education will update their definitions and policies to include the definitions of "chosen name" and "gender expression." This additional workload is assumed to be minimal; no change in appropriations is required.

School District

The bill will increase workload for public schools and charter schools to update their policies to align with the requirements and definitions in the bill. Public schools and charter schools may have an increase in complaints if intentional misnaming of a student occurs, which would increase workload and potentially legal and other costs. Assuming that schools comply with the bill, any overall impact is assumed to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 29, 2024.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education

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