

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Budget Committee

FROM: Craig Harper, JBC Staff (303-866-3481)

SUBJECT: Department of Education CPR Training Grant Program line item

DATE: March 16, 2015

Staff inadvertently omitted a newly requested line item (CPR Training Grant Program) from the Department of Education FY 2015-16 figure setting document presented to the JBC on March 10, 2015. The Department requested the creation of the new line item in FY 2015-16. Staff included the line item in the numbers pages but omitted discussion of the line item from the document narrative.

Background

House Bill 14-1276 created a grant program to support CPR and automated defibrillator training programs for high school students. The bill transferred \$250,000 General Fund to the School Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated Defibrillator Training Fund (created in the bill) to support the program and appropriated \$250,000 cash funds from the new cash fund to support grants in FY 2014-15 but did not include such transfers in subsequent years.

Department Request and Staff Analysis

The Department requested the creation of the new Long Bill line item and an appropriation of \$250,000 cash funds from the School Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated Defibrillator Training Fund to support the program in FY 2015-16. Staff included the request in the staff recommendation in the numbers pages of the figure setting document.

However, staff has now identified a problem with the request. The bill provided a one-time transfer of General Fund to the new cash fund in August 2014. The Department's request does not seek any additional General Fund appropriations (or transfers) but includes a continuation appropriation of \$250,000 cash funds. The Department anticipates spending approximately \$185,000 for the program in FY 2014-15, leaving an estimated \$65,000 in the cash fund at the end of FY 2014-15 and no revenue source for the additional \$185,000 in requested spending authority. While H.B. 14-1276 allows for gifts, grants, and donations to support the program, the Department has not received any such gifts, grants, or donations.

Staff offers two options for the Committee's consideration:

- *Maintain \$250,000 appropriation:* If the Committee wishes to continue to support the grant program with \$250,000 in FY 2015-16, a General Fund appropriation appears to be necessary. Under that scenario, staff reluctantly recommends the creation of *two new line items*: (1) "School Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated Defibrillator Training Fund" to support an appropriation of \$185,000 General Fund into the cash fund; and (2) "School Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated Defibrillator Training Program" to support appropriations of \$185,000 *reappropriated funds* and \$65,000 cash funds (from existing fund balance) out of the cash fund to support the program.

- *Provide \$65,000 cash funds spending authority using existing revenue:* The Committee could also approve \$65,000 *cash funds* spending authority for FY 2015-16 to allow the Department to utilize the anticipated remaining fund balance in FY 2015-16 without an additional General Fund appropriation. Under this scenario, staff recommends creating a single line item (“School Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated Defibrillator Training Program”) with an appropriation of \$65,000 cash funds for FY 2015-16.