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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO REVIEW EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill adds two youth members to several committees related to 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 an appropriation of \$8,300 to the Colorado Department of Education.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the Colorado Youth Advisory Council Committee.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under Bill 5**

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$8,300	\$8,300
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$1,245	\$1,245

Summary of Legislation

Beginning September 1, 2023, the bill adds two youth members to the following groups:

- any education standards review committees convened by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) as part of the six-year review of standards;
- the History, Culture, Social Contributions, and Civil Government in Education Commission;
- regional educator meetings convened by CDE and the Department of Higher Education to align the preschool through postsecondary educational system; and
- local education provider review of education standards.

If applicable, one youth member must be from a rural area and one from an urban area. Youth members may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in participating in these groups, and may receive a stipend for participation on education standards review committees. CDE must promote the opportunity for youth involvement and request that schools nominate youth for participation.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in CDE by \$8,300 beginning in FY 2023-24 from the General Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under Bill 5

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
Department of Education		
Expense Reimbursement	\$6,500	\$6,500
Stipends	\$1,800	\$1,800
Total Cost	\$8,300	\$8,300

Expense reimbursement. The CDE will reimburse the participating youth for travel and expenses associated with participating in the meetings. The fiscal note assumes that there will be 20 meetings per year across all committees, based on statutory requirements and actual meetings held. Expense reimbursements are estimated at \$250 for youth for a rural student, and \$75 for a student from an urban area. Reimbursement amounts are based on current average reimbursements for CDE standards review committee members.

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

Selecting students. The bill increases workload for CDE to promote the opportunity to participate on committees, receive nominations from local education providers, and appoint students. 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 by the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts in Table 1, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

School District

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

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

In FY 2023-24, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$8,300 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education

Information Technology