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Memorandum**

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**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Assessment of Proposed Amendment **HB1194\_L.007**.

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment to **HB19-1194**. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

**Summary of Proposed Amendment**

HB19-1194, as introduced, requires that the State Board of Education (SBE) annually review data on the number of preschool through second grade students who are suspended from school and the reasons for those suspensions. Amendment L.007 specifies that the SBE must only review the reasons for the suspensions if that data is available.

**Fiscal Impact of Amendment**

Amendment L.007 removes the need for a \$59,500 General Fund appropriation to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) in FY 2020-21.

**Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment**

With Amendment L.007, HB19-1194 increases the workload for CDE and the Department of Human Services, as discussed below.

**Department of Education:** The bill increases the workload for CDE to annually review data on suspensions, and for the Schools of Choice Unit to answer questions and provide support to school districts and charter schools. This increase is expected to be minimal and does not require a change in appropriations.

Data on the reason for suspensions of students in preschool through second grade is not currently available; as a result, the fiscal note assumes that the SBE will only review that data should it become available in future years. For informational purposes, and as stated in the initial fiscal note, it will cost \$59,500 to modify CDE's current data system to identify the reasons for suspensions of preschool through second grade students. While the General Assembly may appropriate this funding, it is not required under the bill with the adoption of Amendment L.007.

**Department of Human Services.** The bill increase workload for the Office of Early Childhood in the Department of Human Services, which licenses child care facilities. The office must update policies and materials to reflect the bill's changes. No change in appropriations is required.

HB1194\_L.007

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

HB19-1194 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 5, line 7, strike "AND" and substitute "AND, IF
- 2 AVAILABLE,".

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