



Fiscal Summary

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Measure: Initiative 22 – RIGHT TO SCHOOL CHOICE

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This fiscal summary, prepared by the nonpartisan Director of Research of the Legislative Council, contains a preliminary assessment of the measure's fiscal impact. A full fiscal impact statement for this initiative is or will be available at leg.colorado.gov/bluebook. This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

State Expenditures

The measure states that K-12 students have the right to school choice, as exercised by their parents or guardians. The measure has no immediate impact on education-related spending by the state, but may increase legal expenses for the Department of Law and the Colorado Department of Education from disputes related to what constitutes the right to school choice and whether the state is meeting its obligations. The exact increase in legal costs to the state cannot be estimated. Depending on how the measure is interpreted by the courts and to the extent the state legislature modifies current laws related to school choice, the measure may change the allocation of state funding for education.

Local Government

To the extent that school boards modify current rules and policies to align with the measure, local spending on education may change. Similar to the state, the measure may also lead to an increase in litigation against school districts from disputes as to what constitutes the right to school choice. Exact legal costs cannot be estimated.