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Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 24-1006 February 5, 2024 Date: **Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Bird; Taggart **Bill Status: House Appropriations** Sen. Kirkmeyer; Zenzinger Fiscal Analyst: Anna Gerstle | 303-866-4375 anna.gerstle@coleg.gov **Bill Topic:** HIGHER EDUCATION LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM REPORT DEADLINE **Summary of** ☐ State Revenue ☐ State Transfer ☐ Local Government **Fiscal Impact:** ☐ TABOR Refund ☐ Statutory Public Entity The bill extends the reporting deadlines for the higher education student success data system, and allows the Department of Higher Education to spend the current appropriation for the system through December 31, 2026, which will extend state expenditures until FY 2025-26. **Appropriation** No appropriation is required. The bill modifies an existing appropriation to provide **Summary:** roll-forward authority. **Fiscal Note** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Status: Budget Committee as part of its supplemental bill package.

Summary of Legislation

In FY 2022-23, the Department of Higher Education (DHE) was appropriated \$3.0 million for the student success data system. The bill allows the department to spend this existing appropriation through December 31, 2026.

Under current law, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education must report to the General Assembly on the development of a statewide longitudinal education and workforce data system by January 15 in 2023 and 2024. The bill extends these deadlines to January 15 in 2025 and 2026.

Background

House Bill 22-1349 required DHE to develop measures of student success and an interactive data system for postsecondary student success information that could be developed into a statewide longitudinal data system to connecting K-12, postsecondary, and workforce information. DHE is required to report to the General Assembly on the work required and any barriers identified to create the statewide longitudinal data system. The bill provided an appropriation of \$3.0 million and 1.0 FTE for the student success system, to be spent through the current FY 2023-24.

State Expenditures

The bill shifts the timing of state expenditures by allowing DHE to spend the existing \$3.0 million appropriation from the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund through December 31, 2026. The appropriation was allocated to cover the costs of 1.0 FTE, and data system modernization, software, vendor, and data interface costs. The fiscal note assumes that the money will continue to be used for those purposes until FY 2025-26.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

The bill modifies the existing \$3.0 million appropriation from the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund to the Department of Higher Education to allow it to be spent through December 31, 2026, and extends the allocation of 1.0 FTE for this purpose.

State and Local Government Contacts

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