

Colorado Legislative Council Staff

HB17-1042

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT:
☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Statutory Public Entity ☐ Conditional ☐ No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: INCREASING FUNDING FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	\$42.1 million	<u>\$48.1 million</u>
General Fund	\$42.1 million	\$48.1 million
Appropriation Required: \$42.1 million - Colorado Department of Education - (FY 2017-18).		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing expenditure increase.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, students who are enrolled in kindergarten are counted as half-day students for purposes of school finance, and each school district receives an additional .08 of a full-day student for each enrolled kindergarten student. Beginning with FY 2017-18, this bill increases the supplemental kindergarten enrollment calculation to provide .16 of a full-day pupil.

State Expenditures

This bill increases state expenditures by \$42.1 million in FY 2017-18 and by \$48.1 million in FY 2018-19. The cost to raise the supplemental full-day kindergarten factor from .08 to .16 is estimated to be \$42.1 million in FY 2017-18. Increasing the supplemental factor is the equivalent of an additional 5,331 student FTE in the statewide funded pupil count, which increases the statewide base and state aid requirements. For FY 2018-19, the statewide base is assumed to grow further by the projected ratio of inflation, increasing state aide by \$48.1 million.

New state expenditures are appropriated to the Colorado Department of Education for allocation to school districts. The FY 2018-19 estimate assumes that base per-pupil funding increases by 2.9 percent, consistent with the current Legislative Council Staff forecast for the inflation rate in 2017.

School District Impact

The bill provides additional funding to school districts for kindergarten students.

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Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2017-18, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$44,100,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

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