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FISCAL IMPACT

Drafting Number:	LLS 00-0280	**Date:**	November 30, 1999
Prime Sponsor(s):	Sen. Pascoe	**Bill Status:**	Child Care Interim Committee
	Rep. Williams S.	**Fiscal Analyst:**	Harry Zeid (303-866-4753)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE COLORADO PRESCHOOL PROGRAM, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2000/2001	FY 2001/2002
State Revenues General Fund		
State Expenditures General Fund	$2,497,500	$4,995,000
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
Other State Impact: None		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2000-2001: The bill requires a General Fund increase of $2,497,500 in Department of Education, Public School Finance, Total Program.		
Local Government Impact: School districts that participate in the Colorado preschool program would receive state aid for the increased number of children that are authorized to participate in the program.		

Summary of Legislation

The Colorado preschool program serves four-year- and five-year-old children who lack overall learning readiness due to significant family risk factors, who are in need of language development, or who are receiving services from the Department of Human Services as neglected or dependent children. Under current law, the number of children who may participate in the Colorado preschool program is limited to not more than 9,050 per budget year.

This bill eliminates the requirement that children participating in the Colorado preschool program be four- or five years of age, and increases the number of children who may participate in the Colorado preschool program by 1,000 children per year for five years, beginning in FY 2000-01. The program size would increase to 14,050 in FY 2004-05 and budget years thereafter. The bill would allow any school district that participates in the program to allow a single child to enroll in the preschool program using two positions to allow that child to attend a full day of preschool.

State Expenditures

This bill increases the number of children who may participate in the Colorado preschool program by 1,000 children per year for five years, beginning in FY 2000-01. The program size would increase to 14,050 in FY 2004-05 and budget years thereafter. Each program participant represents 0.5 FTE. Based on the state average per pupil funding of $4,995 per student for FY 1999-00, the General Fund increase for Public School Finance, Total Program, is projected to be **$2,497,500 in FY 2000-01** (1,000 children X 0.5 FTE X $4,995 per pupil funding = $2,497,500), and **$4,995,000 in FY 2001-02** (2,000 children X 0.5 FTE X $4,995 per pupil funding = $4,995,000).

School District Impact

School districts that participate in the Colorado preschool program would receive state aid for the increased number of children that are authorized to participate in the program.

State Appropriations

The fiscal note implies that the General Fund appropriation for the Department of Education, Public School Finance, Total Program, would increase by $2,497,500 in FY 2000-01.

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