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Bill 5

FISCAL NOTE

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

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Legislative Commission Bill Request
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BILL TOPIC: LOW-INCOME PARENTS ED CHILD CARE

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2016-2017 | FY 2017-2018 |
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| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | Workload increase. | |
| FTE Position Change | | |
| Appropriation Required: None. | | |
| Future Year Impacts: None. | | |

Summary of Legislation

The bill, ***requested by the Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission***, creates a task force to address issues relating to the child care needs of low income parents. The task force is housed in the Workforce Development Council in the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE). Its mission is to develop strategies and procedures for state and local agencies, and institutes of higher education, to use in coordinating efforts that address the child care needs of low-income parents who are seeking to advance their education.

Specifically, the task force is required to:

- identify and reduce barriers to obtaining child care;
- determine whether state, federal, and campus-based financial resources are meeting the needs of parents pursuing further education;
- review and streamline administrative processes for the provision of child care;
- create a plan for communicating child care availability and processes; and
- recommend legislation to address issues related to child care for parents pursuing further education.

The bill sets the conditions for the selection and composition of the 15-member task force. Task force members serve without per diem or reimbursement of costs. CDLE, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), the Department of Higher Education (DHE), and the Department of Human Services (CDHS) are required to provide staff support to the task force. The task force must hold its first meeting no later than September 1, 2016 and submit a report to the health and human services committees of the General Assembly by March 1, 2017. The task force is repealed July 1, 2017.

State Expenditures

This bill increases the workload in several state agencies in FY 2016-17 by a minimal amount. Specifically, the bill requires that DHE, CDE, CDLE, and CDHS share staffing responsibilities, with:

- CDLE housing the task force;
- the executive director or their designee of each agency serving on the task force;
- CDHS selecting two task force members from county human or social services departments; and
- DHE convening the initial meeting of the task force.

The four agencies can anticipate a total of about 16 to 20 hours of staff time for each task force meeting, including preparation, staffing, and travel, in addition to time needed to compile the report for the legislative committees. Split between agencies, the increase in workload can be accomplished within existing resources and does not require additional appropriations.

Local Government Impact

Some counties will have an increased workload, as the task force will include two members who are employed by county departments of human or social services and work in child care issues. Those task force members will not receive a per diem or reimbursement of costs.

Effective Date

This fiscal note assumes that the bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

State and Local Government Contacts

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Higher Education

Labor and Employment
Human Services

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