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Bill 6

FISCAL NOTE

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

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Prime Sponsor(s):

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Interim Committee Bill Request
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BILL TOPIC: CONCERNING COMMUNICATION POLICIES IN SCHOOLS

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill, *requested by the School Safety and Youth in Crisis Interim Committee*, modifies requirements for school safety plans. Specifically, it requires that written procedures adopted by boards of education include consideration of students' special needs, including those that relate to disabilities. It also requires boards of educations to take steps to encourage communication about students' mental health between parents, legal guardians, and school administrators.

Background

Under current law, each school district board of education (BOE) is required to have a safe school plan. At a minimum, the plan must include a conduct and discipline code, safe school reporting requirements, an internet safety plan, agreements with state agencies (law enforcement officials, the juvenile justice system, and social services), and a school response framework that conforms with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Public schools are required to have emergency response plans that align with NIMS. Each school response framework includes an incident command system and a school safety, readiness, and incident management plan that coordinates with local first responders and state agencies; memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with local or state agencies specifying responsibilities during emergency incidents; and a plan for testing of the incident management plan. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the state Department of Public Safety is responsible for assessing these frameworks and providing technical assistance as needed.

School District Impact

Local boards of education will be required to update school safety plans to incorporate policies to address special needs of students and to take steps to establish and encourage communication protocols between families and school officials. Depending on existing policies, the bill is anticipated to increase workload within each school district.

Pursuant to Section 22-32-143, C.R.S., school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) may submit estimates of fiscal impacts within seven days of a bill's introduction. As of the date of this fiscal note, no summaries of fiscal impacts were submitted by districts or BOCES for this bill. If summaries of fiscal impacts are submitted by districts or BOCES in the future, they will be noted in subsequent revisions to the fiscal note and posted at this address: <http://www.colorado.gov/lcs>

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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