

Rep. Fields Fiscal Analyst: Josh Abram (303-866-3561)

TITLE: CONCERNING UNIQUELY IDENTIFYING STUDENT NUMBERS FOR PERSONS

ENROLLED IN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

Summary of Legislation

This bill expands the duties of the Education Data Subcommittee (EDS) to include a requirement that the EDS, if feasible, identify a method for assigning a unique student identifier for individuals enrolled in an adult basic education program or a high school general equivalency diploma program. The method identified should either be part of the Colorado Department of Education's (CDE) record integration tracking system or an alternative tracking system employing interagency data sharing. The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 19, 2013, and takes effect August 7, 2013, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Background

The EDS is a subcommittee of the Government Data Advisory Board, created in the Office of Information Technology. EDS consists of members of the CDE, the Department of Higher Education, the Department of Human Services, and other individuals with expertise in data sharing by education agencies.

Assessment

The EDS meets regularly to discuss issues pertaining to education data sharing. Expanding the topics that the EDS is required to consider in the normal course of business is not anticipated to change the expenses of the subcommittee, or of the departments whose agents serve as members on the subcommittee. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Education Higher Education Office of Information Technology