SB13-031

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s):	Sen. Giron Rep. Pettersen	**Bill Status:**	Senate Education
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TITLE: CONCERNING PAYMENT OF TUITION FOR STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN DROPOUT RECOVERY PROGRAMS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue - Tuition/Fees Community College System	See State Revenue Section	
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or on becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required		

Summary of Legislation

House Bill 12-1146, passed during the 2012 legislative session, allows a school district and a community college to establish a dropout recovery program permitting a student who has dropped out of high school, or students at-risk of dropping out, to complete their high school requirements exclusively at a community college or district junior college.

This bill requires that a school district participating in the program pay the student portion of tuition for each class in which the student enrolls. HB 12-1146 required that the district pay only for those courses the student completes.

State Revenue

This bill is not anticipated to change the revenue or expenditures of any state agency, or of community colleges or school districts that have established a dropout recovery program. Under current practice, districts participating in dropout recovery programs already pay the community college system for each participating student.

To the extent that a student enrolls but does not complete a course, a district may be required to pay more tuition than is required under current law. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having a fiscal impact on the institutional revenue from tuition collected by the community college system;

however, any change in institutional revenue is anticipated to be minimal. Institutional revenue from tuition is collected and spent by the governing bodies of state institutions and is not appropriated by the General Assembly in the Long Bill. Due to enterprise status, state revenue from tuition at institutions of higher education is not counted against state revenue limitations in the Colorado Constitution.

Departments Contacted

Education	Higher Education	School Districts