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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Velasco; Hernandez	Bill Status:	House Education
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Bill Topic: SCHOOL GRADUATION ATTIRE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School District
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows students at preschools, public schools, charter schools and institutions of higher education to wear items of cultural or religious significance during graduation ceremonies. The bill will increase workload for state agencies and local school districts in FY 2024-25 only.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows students at preschools, public schools, charter schools and institutions of higher education to wear items of cultural or religious significance during graduation ceremonies. Schools and colleges may not restrict what a student wears underneath their graduation garments and must adopt a policy for graduation attire that aligns with the bill. The State Board of Education may not waive the bill's provisions for charter schools.

The bill does not impede the school or college from prohibiting attire that will be disruptive to the graduation ceremony. Prohibitions on attire must be based on evidence of disruption and use the least restrictive means necessary.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload in the Colorado Department of Education, Department of Early Childhood, and for institutions of higher education to update their policies and guidance to abide by the new requirements. This additional workload is assumed to be minimal; no appropriation is required.

School District

Similar to the state, school districts will work to adopt new policies required by the bill. This workload is assumed to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education Higher Education

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