SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

April 19, 2019

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB19-246 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 14 through 16 and substitute "STABILIZATION FACTOR, IS NOT LESS THAN SEVEN BILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS ($7,389,818,526);".

Page 5, line 16, strike "TWENTY-FIVE" and substitute "TWENTY".

Page 5, line 24, strike "TWENTY-FIVE" and substitute "TWENTY".

Page 6, line 11, strike "TWENTY-FIVE" and substitute "TWENTY".

Page 7, strike lines 26 and 27.

Strike pages 8 and 9.

Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

Page 10, before line 1 insert:

"SECTION 6. Appropriation - adjustments to 2019 long bill.
To implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2019-20 state fiscal year to the department of education for the state share of districts' total program funding is decreased by $7,633,721."
SECTION 7. Appropriation to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. In section 2 of Senate Bill 19-207, amend Part III (2)(A) Footnote 5, as follows:

Section 2. Appropriation.

Department of Education, Assistance to Public Schools, Public School Finance, State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding -- Pursuant to Section 22-35-108 (2)(a), C.R.S., the purpose of this footnote is to specify what portion of this appropriation is intended to be available for the Accelerating Students Through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) Program for FY 2019-20. It is the General Assembly's intent that the Department of Education be authorized to utilize up to $3,836,500 of this appropriation to fund qualified students designated as ASCENT Program participants. This amount is calculated based on an estimated 500 FTE participants funded at a rate of $7,673 per FTE pursuant to Section 22-54-104 (4.7), C.R.S.

SECTION 8. Appropriation. For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, $20,000,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for additional funding for rural schools authorized in section 22-54-141, C.R.S.

Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

Page 1, line 101, strike "SCHOOLS." and substitute "SCHOOLS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.".

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