

# An Act

HOUSE BILL 21-1112

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CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATES USING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S LOCALLY RECEIVED MONEY.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-32-149 as follows:

**22-32-149. District scholarship programs - authorized.** (1) A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAMINATION WHILE ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

THE SCHOLARSHIPS MUST BE FUNDED FROM ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY REVENUE THAT IS APPROVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-108; FROM GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES FOR PURPOSES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; OR FROM A COMBINATION OF BOTH. A BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT ESTABLISHES A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO:

(a) PRIORITIZE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL "RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ., AND STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS DO NOT HAVE A POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL, TO FACILITATE AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCREASE GRADUATES' ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; AND

(b) LIMIT THE USE OF SCHOLARSHIP MONEY TO TUITION, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES, AND TRANSPORTATION.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

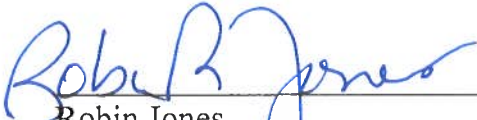
determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.



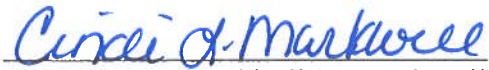
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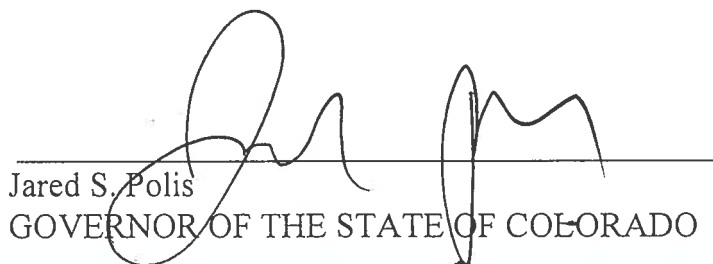


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