

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

May 7, 2021

Committee on Appropriations.

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

SB21-236 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Education Committee Report, dated April 22, 2021, page 1,
2 strike line 9 and substitute "award AND SHALL PRIORITIZE MAKING
3 MULTIPLE SMALLER GRANT AWARDS."

4 Page 2 of the report, line 3, strike "AND".

5 Page 2 of the report, line 6, strike "LEARNERS." and substitute
6 "LEARNERS; AND

7 (g) APPLICANTS WHOSE PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND AREA OF
8 BUSINESS IS OTHER THAN CHILD CARE."

9 Amend printed bill, page 2, before line 2 insert:

10 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6-801, **amend**
11 (2)(a) as follows:

12 **26-6-801. Legislative declaration.** (2) (a) Therefore, the general
13 assembly finds it is a matter of statewide concern that we take immediate
14 action to save and protect our child care ~~infrastructure. Doing so~~
15 INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF CHILD CARE
16 OPTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CHILD
17 CARE CENTERS, DAY CARE CENTERS, SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE CENTERS,
18 BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, NURSERY SCHOOLS,
19 KINDERGARTENS, PRESCHOOLS, CHURCH DAY CARE CENTERS, DAY CAMPS,
20 SUMMER CAMPS, FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL AND
21 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND OTHER FACILITIES DESCRIBED IN

1 SECTION 26-6-102 (5). SUPPORTING THIS MIXED DELIVERY OF CHILD CARE
2 enables the state to invest in its children's futures, advance gender equity
3 in the home and the workplace, and rebuild an economy that works for all
4 Coloradans. When Colorado families have access to child care, everyone
5 benefits."

6 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

7 Page 6 of the printed bill, strike lines 4 through 6 and substitute:

8 "(a) APPLICANTS THAT SERVE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYEES
9 WITH WAGES BELOW THE AREA'S MEDIAN INCOME;"

10 Page 19 of the printed bill, line 14, strike "\$4,200,000" and substitute
11 "\$62,540,912".

12 Page 19 of the printed bill, strike lines 19 through 25 and substitute:

13 "(a) \$35,000,000 for the child care sustainability grant program
14 created in section 26-6-802 (2), C.R.S., which amount is based on an
15 assumption that the office will require an additional 1.0 FTE. Any money
16 appropriated in this subsection (2)(a) not expended prior to July 1, 2022,
17 is further appropriated for use by the office of early childhood for the
18 2022-23 state fiscal year for the same purposes;

19 (b) \$16,800,000 for the community innovation and resilience for
20 care and learning equity (CIRCLE) grant program created in section
21 26-6-807 (2), C.R.S., which amount is based on an assumption that the
22 office will require an additional 1.0 FTE. Any money appropriated in this
23 subsection (2)(b) not expended prior to July 1, 2022, is further
24 appropriated for use by the office of early childhood for the 2022-23 state
25 fiscal year for the same purposes;

26 (c) \$7,200,000 for the early care and education recruitment and
27 retention grant and scholarship program created in section 26-6-805 (2),
28 C.R.S., which amount is based on an assumption that the office will
29 require an additional 4.0 FTE;

30 (d) \$3,000,000 for the child care teacher salary grant program
31 created in section 26-6-806 (2), C.R.S., which amount is based on an
32 assumption that the office will require an additional 1.0 FTE; and

33 (e) \$540,912 for the administration, monitoring, compliance, and
34 reporting requirements associated with the money appropriated in this
35 subsection (2), which amount is based on an assumption that the office
36 will require an additional 4.0 FTE.

37 (3) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$30,167,425 is appropriated



1 to the department of human services for use by the office of early
2 childhood. This appropriation is from federal funds from child care
3 development funds. The office of early childhood may use this
4 appropriation as follows:

- 5 (a) \$23,845,252 for the child care assistance program;
- 6 (b) \$4,000,000 for child care grants for quality and availability
7 and federal targeted funds requirements, which amount is based on an
8 assumption that the office will require an additional 2.0 FTE;
- 9 (c) \$2,150,000 for the early childhood mental health consultation
10 program created in section 26-6.5-402 (1)(a), C.R.S., which amount is
11 based on an assumption that the office will require an additional 1.0 FTE;
12 and
- 13 (d) \$172,173 for the administration, monitoring, compliance, and
14 reporting requirements associated with the money appropriated in this
15 subsection (3), which amount is based on an assumption that the office
16 will require an additional 2.0 FTE."

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