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SENATE BILL 17-296

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING FINANCING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill sets the statewide base per pupil funding amount for the 2017-18 budget year at \$6,546.20, which is an inflationary increase of 2.8%, and establishes the minimum amount of total program funding for the 2017-18 budget year.

The bill requires that the sum of the total program funding for all schools for the 2017-18 budget year is not less than \$6,585,800,182.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-104, **amend**
3 (5)(g)(I) introductory portion and (5)(g)(I)(G); and **add** (5)(a)(XXIV) and
4 (5)(g)(I)(H) as follows:

5 **22-54-104. District total program - definitions.** (5) For
6 purposes of the formulas used in this section:

7 (a)(XXIV) FOR THE 2017-18 BUDGET YEAR, THE STATEWIDE BASE
8 PER PUPIL FUNDING IS \$6,546.20, WHICH IS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO
9 \$6,367.90, SUPPLEMENTED BY \$178.30 TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION.

10 (g) (I) For the 2010-11 budget year and each budget year
11 thereafter, the general assembly determines that stabilization of the state
12 budget requires a reduction in the amount of the annual appropriation to
13 fund the state's share of total program funding for all districts and the
14 funding for institute charter schools. The department of education shall
15 implement the reduction in total program funding through the application
16 of a negative factor as provided in this ~~paragraph (g)~~ SUBSECTION
17 (5)(g)(I). For the 2010-11 budget year and each budget year thereafter, the
18 department of education and the staff of the legislative council shall
19 determine, based on budget projections, the amount of such reduction to
20 ensure the following:

21 (G) That, for the 2016-17 budget year, the sum of the total
22 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
23 charter schools, after application of the negative factor, is not less than six
24 billion three hundred ninety-four million five hundred twenty-eight
25 thousand nine hundred thirty-one dollars (\$6,394,528,931); except that
26 the department of education and the staff of the legislative council shall
27 make mid-year revisions to replace projections with actual figures,

1 including but not limited to actual pupil enrollment, assessed valuations,
2 and specific ownership tax revenue from the prior year, to determine any
3 necessary changes in the amount of the reduction to maintain a total
4 program funding amount for the applicable budget year that is consistent
5 with this ~~sub-subparagraph (G). For the 2017-18 budget year, the~~
6 ~~difference between calculated statewide total program funding and actual~~
7 ~~statewide total program funding must not exceed the difference between~~
8 ~~calculated statewide total program funding and actual statewide total~~
9 ~~program funding for the 2016-17 budget year~~ SUBSECTION (5)(g)(I)(G).

10 (H) THAT, FOR THE 2017-18 BUDGET YEAR, THE SUM OF THE TOTAL
11 PROGRAM FUNDING FOR ALL DISTRICTS, INCLUDING THE FUNDING FOR
12 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS, AFTER APPLICATION OF THE NEGATIVE
13 FACTOR, IS NOT LESS THAN SIX BILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE
14 MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE HUNDREDEIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS
15 (\$6,585,800,182); EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND
16 THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL MAKE MID-YEAR
17 REVISIONS TO REPLACE PROJECTIONS WITH ACTUAL FIGURES, INCLUDING
18 BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACTUAL PUPIL ENROLLMENT, ASSESSED VALUATIONS,
19 AND SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAX REVENUE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR, TO
20 DETERMINE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE AMOUNT OF THE REDUCTION
21 TO MAINTAIN A TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AMOUNT FOR THE APPLICABLE
22 BUDGET YEAR THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBSECTION (5)(g)(I)(H).

23 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.