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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL PROGRAM  
102 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2017-18 BUDGET YEAR.

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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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The general assembly recognizes that the actual funded pupil count and the actual at-risk pupil count for the 2017-18 school year are lower than anticipated when the appropriation amount was established during the 2017 legislative session. In addition, local property tax and specific ownership tax receipts are more than

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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anticipated, increasing the local share of total program funding. The bill declares the general assembly's intent to maintain the average amount of funding distributed per pupil on a statewide basis at the level of the original appropriation, resulting in a reduction in the budget stabilization factor. The bill adjusts the minimum amount of total program funding specified in statute to reflect this intent.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) The actual funded pupil count and the actual at-risk pupil  
5 count for the 2017-18 school year are lower than anticipated when the  
6 appropriation was established during the 2017 regular legislative session  
7 for total program funding for the 2017-18 budget year. As a result, total  
8 program funding is \$12,917,463 less than the appropriation made during  
9 the 2017 regular legislative session.

10 (b) In addition, based on the actual amount of the local property  
11 tax and specific ownership tax receipts available to school districts for the  
12 2017-18 budget year, the local share of total program funding is  
13 \$96,900,446 higher than anticipated when the appropriation for total  
14 program funding was established during the 2017 regular legislative  
15 session; and

16 (c) It is the general assembly's intent to maintain the average  
17 amount of funding distributed per pupil on a statewide basis at the level  
18 of the original appropriation, resulting in a reduction of the budget  
19 stabilization factor, and to adjust the minimum amount of total program  
20 funding specified in statute to reflect this intent.

21 (2) Now, therefore, the general assembly finds it necessary to  
22 revise total program funding for the 2017-18 budget year.

1           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-104, **amend**  
2 (5)(g)(I)(H) as follows:

3           **22-54-104. District total program - definitions.** (5) For  
4 purposes of the formulas used in this section:

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

16           (H) That, for the 2017-18 budget year, the sum of the total  
17 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute  
18 charter schools, after application of the budget stabilization factor, is not  
19 less than ~~six billion six hundred thirty-four million six hundred thousand~~  
20 ~~one hundred eighty-two dollars (\$6,634,600,182)~~ SIX BILLION SIX  
21 HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR  
22 THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$6,627,724,965); except  
23 that the department of education and the staff of the legislative council  
24 shall make mid-year revisions to replace projections with actual figures,  
25 including but not limited to actual pupil enrollment, assessed valuations,  
26 and specific ownership tax revenue from the prior year, to determine any  
27 necessary changes in the amount of the reduction to maintain a total

1 program funding amount for the applicable budget year that is consistent  
2 with this subsection (5)(g)(I)(H). For the 2018-19 budget year, the  
3 difference between calculated statewide total program funding and actual  
4 statewide total program funding must not exceed the difference between  
5 calculated statewide total program funding and actual statewide total  
6 program funding for the 2017-18 budget year.

7 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.