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SENATE BILL 21-206

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION OF MONEY IN THE**
102 **EDUCATOR LICENSURE CASH FUND.**

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. Since July 1, 2011, money in the educator licensure cash fund (fund), which includes educator license fees, has been continuously appropriated to the state board of education and the department of education (department) for expenses incurred in the administration of the "Colorado Educator Licensing Act of 1991". While the money is continuously appropriated, the department is required to

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report to legislative committees about its expenditures from the fund and about application processing time. Beginning with the next fiscal year, the general assembly is required to annually appropriate the money and the reporting requirement is repealed.

The bill grants the department 3 more years of continuous appropriation authority, and it likewise extends the related reporting requirement.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-112, **amend**
3 (1)(b)(I), (1)(b)(II), and (1)(b)(IV) as follows:

4 **22-60.5-112. Fees - fund - repeal.** (1) (b) (I) Notwithstanding
5 any provision of subsection (1)(a) of this section to the contrary, for the
6 2011-12 fiscal year through the ~~2020-21~~ **2023-24** fiscal year, the money
7 in the cash fund is continuously appropriated to the department to offset
8 the direct and indirect costs incurred by the state board of education and
9 the department in administering this article 60.5. In each of the fiscal
10 years, the general appropriation bill must, for informational purposes,
11 reflect the estimated amount of expenditures, including any funding for
12 personnel, from the cash fund.

13 (II) Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11), during each of the
14 regular legislative sessions from 2012 through ~~2021~~ **2023-24**, the
15 department shall report to the education committees of the house of
16 representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, and the joint
17 budget committee of the general assembly concerning expenditures from
18 the cash fund and the department's progress in meeting the goal of
19 reducing to six weeks or less the processing time for issuing or renewing
20 an educator license.

21 (IV) This subsection (1)(b) is repealed, effective July 1, ~~2021~~
22 2024.

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