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STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE BILL 24-1290**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION TO REDUCE FINANCIAL BARRIERS**  
102              **FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE EDUCATOR WORKFORCE**  
103              **THROUGH THE STUDENT EDUCATOR STIPEND PROGRAM, AND, IN**  
104              **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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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>.)*

The bill requires the general assembly to appropriate money from the state education fund to fund stipends under the student educator stipend program, subject to available appropriations.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-302, **add** (5)  
3 as follows:

4           **23-3.9-302. Student educator stipend program - created -**  
5 **guidelines - appropriation - legislative declaration - definition -**  
6 **repeal.** (5) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TO THE  
7 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MONEY FROM THE STATE EDUCATION FUND  
8 TO FUND STIPENDS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 EDUCATION SHALL TRANSFER SPENDING AUTHORITY FROM THE  
10 APPROPRIATION MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)(a) TO THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

12           (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT, FOR  
13 PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION,  
14 AWARDED STIPEND MONEY TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT TO REDUCE THE  
15 FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO ENTERING THE EDUCATOR WORKFORCE WHILE  
16 THE STUDENT IS A STUDENT EDUCATOR IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT OF  
17 ACCOUNTABLE EDUCATION REFORM, ACCOUNTABLE PROGRAMS TO MEET  
18 STATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS, AND CLASS SIZE REDUCTION, AND  
19 THEREFORE THE DEPARTMENT AND ELIGIBLE STUDENT MAY RECEIVE  
20 FUNDING FROM THE STATE EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4)  
21 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

22           **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal  
23 year, \$4,197,000 is appropriated to the department of education for use  
24 by educator talent. This appropriation is from the state education fund  
25 created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state constitution. To  
26 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for transfer

1 to the department of higher education for the student educator stipend  
2 program.

3 (2) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$4,197,000 is appropriated to  
4 the department of higher education for use by Colorado commission on  
5 higher education financial aid. This appropriation is from reappropriated  
6 funds received from the department of education under subsection (1) of  
7 this section, and is based on an assumption that the department will  
8 require an additional 1.0 FTE. To implement this act, the department may  
9 use this appropriation for the student educator stipend program.

10 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
13 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
14 institutions.