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HOUSE BILL 24-1392

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REVISING THE FOURTH-YEAR INNOVATION PILOT
102 PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, LIMITING LOCAL
103 EDUCATION PROVIDER AND SCHOOL PARTICIPATION AND
104 ADDING PROGRAM EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS.

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. Current law creates the fourth-year innovation pilot program (pilot program) in the department of higher education (department) to disburse state funding to postsecondary

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

education and training programs on behalf of low-income students who graduate early from a participating high school.

The bill limits pilot program participation to local education providers, groups of providers, and schools participating in the 2023-24 school year but it does not cap the number of students who may receive postsecondary education scholarships through the pilot program.

Current law requires the department to annually report to the department of education, the governor's office of state planning and budgeting, the joint budget committee, and the education committees of the general assembly certain information about the pilot program. The bill adds a final evaluation component of the pilot program's data from each student cohort, the pilot program's outcomes and cost-effectiveness, and recommendations about any next steps beyond the pilot phase.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-1303, **amend**
3 (1)(b) as follows:

4 **23-3.3-1303. Fourth-year innovation pilot program - creation**
5 **- eligibility - award of state funding - commission policies.** (1) (b) The
6 pilot program is limited to local education providers or a group of
7 providers, with the first cohort of graduates graduating early during the
8 2021-22 school year and the last cohort of graduates graduating early
9 during the 2025-26 school year. ~~Each year of the program,~~ A local
10 education provider or a group of local education providers may apply to
11 the department to participate in the pilot program; EXCEPT THAT THE
12 COMMISSION SHALL NOT APPROVE ADDITIONAL LOCAL EDUCATION
13 PROVIDERS, GROUPS OF PROVIDERS, OR SCHOOLS AS PILOT PROGRAM
14 PARTICIPANTS BEYOND THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE 2023-24 SCHOOL
15 YEAR. PRIOR TO THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR, a school or local education
16 provider approved by the department may be added to an existing group
17 of local education providers. The commission shall select pilot program
18 participants, including a mix of urban, suburban, and rural local education

1 providers. In the pilot program application, the applicant or applicants
2 shall indicate which high schools are participating in the pilot program.
3 With approval of the charter school, a school district that is selected to
4 participate in the pilot program may also include a charter school
5 authorized by the school district as one of its designated high schools.

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-1305, **add** (4)
7 and (5) as follows:

8 **23-3.3-1305. Reporting requirements.** (4) ON OR BEFORE
9 NOVEMBER 1, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL SUBMIT A FINAL EVALUATION TO THE
11 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING, THE JOINT
12 BUDGET COMMITTEE, AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES AND OF THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR
14 COMMITTEES, WHICH MUST BE POSTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE
15 AND INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING:

16 (a) ANALYSIS OF ALL THE DATA COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THE
17 ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION TO ASSESS THE
18 IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM ON THE STUDENT
19 COHORTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM;

20 (b) OBJECTIVE MEASURES OF CHANGES IN STUDENT BEHAVIOR
21 RESULTING FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING
22 WHETHER A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A PARTICIPATING SCHOOL IS:

23 (I) MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE EARLY; AND

24 (II) MORE LIKELY TO ENROLL IN A POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM, IF
25 THE STUDENT GRADUATED EARLY;

26 (c) ANALYSIS OF THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PILOT
27 PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET OF THE PILOT

1 PROGRAM'S INCENTIVES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STUDENTS WHEN
2 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL A SINGLE SEMESTER OR A YEAR
3 EARLY;

4 (d) OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE COSTS, BENEFITS,
5 SUCCESSES, AND CHALLENGES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

6 (e) RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY AND
7 ADVISABILITY OF CONTINUING THE PILOT PROGRAM BEYOND THE PILOT
8 STAGE AND CHANGES, IF ANY, THAT ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE THE
9 PROGRAM BEYOND THE PILOT STAGE.

10 (5) (a) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, MAY REQUEST, AND PARTICIPATING LOCAL
12 EDUCATION PROVIDERS SHALL PROVIDE, DATA NECESSARY TO COMPLETE
13 THE FINAL EVALUATION REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (b) STUDENT DATA COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF
15 THIS SECTION AND THIS SUBSECTION (5) MUST BE DISAGGREGATED BY
16 GENDER, GRADE LEVEL, ETHNICITY, DISABILITY, ENGLISH LANGUAGE
17 LEARNER STATUS, FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH STATUS, AND
18 HOUSING STATUS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE IN COMPLIANCE
19 WITH THE "COLORADO PRIVACY ACT", ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART
20 13 OF ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 6; THE FEDERAL "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS
21 AND PRIVACY RIGHTS ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. SEC. 1232g; AND THE
22 "STUDENT DATA TRANSPARENCY AND SECURITY ACT" CREATED
23 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 16 OF TITLE 22. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL MAINTAIN STRICT STANDARDS FOR
25 STUDENT DATA PRIVACY; COMPLY WITH STANDARDS FOR REPORTING DATA
26 FOR A STUDENT WITH AN ACCOMMODATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 504 OF
27 THE FEDERAL "REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973", 29 U.S.C. SEC. 701 ET

1 SEQ., AS AMENDED, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, OR A STUDENT
2 WITH AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN; AND SHALL NOT PUBLICLY
3 REPORT INDIVIDUAL STUDENT DATA FOR ANY PURPOSE.

4 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
7 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
8 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
9 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
10 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.