

CHAPTER 127

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 15-235

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AN ACT

CONCERNING INCREASING THE AMOUNT THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE FOR THE CHILD NUTRITION SCHOOL LUNCH PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-82.9-105, **amend** (1) as follows:

22-82.9-105. Program funding - appropriation. (1) The general assembly shall annually appropriate by separate line item in the annual general appropriation bill an amount of not less than eight hundred fifty thousand dollars and not more than ~~one~~ two million five hundred thousand dollars to the department to allow school food authorities to provide lunches at no charge for children in state-subsidized early childhood education programs administered by public schools or in kindergarten through fifth grade, participating in the school lunch program, who would otherwise be required to pay a reduced price for lunch. The appropriation to the department for the program shall be in addition to any appropriation made by the general assembly pursuant to section 22-54-123 or 22-54-123.5 (1). The department may expend not more than two percent of the moneys annually appropriated for the program to offset the direct and indirect costs incurred by the department in implementing the program pursuant to this article.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2014-15 state fiscal year, \$141,471 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the general fund. The department may use this appropriation for the child nutrition school lunch protection program.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2015-16 state fiscal year, \$161,258 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the general fund. The department may use this appropriation for the child nutrition school lunch protection program.

SECTION 4. Effective date - applicability. This act takes effect upon passage and applies to fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

SECTION 5. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 1, 2015