

CHAPTER 343

APPROPRIATIONS

SENATE BILL 15-145

BY SENATOR(S) Lambert, Grantham, Steadman;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Hamner, Young, Rankin, Esgar, Fields, Melton, Pettersen, Rosenthal.

AN ACT

CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. In Session Laws of Colorado 2014, section 2 of chapter 420, (HB 14-1336), **amend** Part III as follows:

Section 2. **Appropriation.**

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

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM				
		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**PART III
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

(1) MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

(A) Administration and Centrally-Appropriated Line Items

State Board of Education	297,258	297,258 (2.0 FTE)				
General Department and Program Administration	4,001,300	1,715,093 (12.2 FTE)		171,853 ^a (2.5 FTE)	2,114,354 ^b (19.9 FTE)	
Office of Professional Services	2,748,802			2,748,802(I) ^c (25.0 FTE)		
Division of On-line Learning	344,383			344,383 ^d (3.3 FTE)		
Health, Life, and Dental	4,061,167	1,448,863		539,321 ^e	420,606 ^f	1,652,377(I)
Short-term Disability	84,446	25,289		10,760 ^e	9,434 ^f	38,963(I)
S.B. 04-257 Amortization Equalization Disbursement	1,732,464	521,864		220,397 ^e	193,166 ^f	797,037(I)

S.B. 06-235 Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement	1,624,185	489,247	206,622 ^e	181,094 ^f	747,222(I)
Salary Survey	1,206,532	373,619	151,526 ^e	136,010 ^f	545,377(I)
Merit Pay	409,766	121,109	57,967 ^e	45,964 ^f	184,726(I)
Workers' Compensation	633,501	242,122	55,434 ^e	77,794 ^f	258,151(I)
Legal Services for 4,900 hours	485,149	275,446	189,901(I) ^c	19,802 ^g	
Administrative Law Judge Services	150,313 155,194		124,368(I)^f 128,406(I) ^c	25,945^h 26,788 ^h	
Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds	75,598	75,598			
Capitol Complex Leased Space	527,813	81,599	69,250 ^e	102,924 ^f	274,040(I)
Reprinting and Distributing Laws Concerning Education	35,480		35,480 ⁱ		
(B) Information Technology					
Information Technology Services	3,815,317	3,190,223 (20.7 FTE)		625,094 ^j (6.9 FTE)	
Payments to OIT	631,873 648,337	631,873 648,337			
COFRS Modernization	197,914	61,100	89,496 ^k	47,318 ^l	

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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Information Technology	208,777		94,769		31,248 ^k	34,863 ^l	47,897(I)
Asset Maintenance	2,284,180		2,284,180				
Disaster Recovery	19,722		19,722				
(C) Assessments and Data Analyses							
Colorado Student Assessment Program	36,771,010				29,058,189 ^d (5.0 FTE)		7,712,821(I) ^m (6.8 FTE)
Federal Grant for State Assessments and Related Activities	2,247,224						2,247,224(I) ^m (5.7 FTE)
Longitudinal Analyses of Student Assessment Results	367,420		367,420 (3.0 FTE)				
Basic Skills Placement or Assessment Tests	320,917				320,917 ^d		
Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment	579,323				579,323 ^d (3.5 FTE)		

Educator Effectiveness Unit Administration	548,108	432,718 (3.0 FTE)	115,390 ^d (1.0 FTE)	
Educator Effectiveness Implementation	2,075,020			2,075,020(I) (14.5 FTE)
Accountability and Improvement Planning	1,678,364	1,128,032 (4.6 FTE)		550,332(I) (6.8 FTE)

(D) State Charter School Institute

State Charter School Institute Administration, Oversight, and Management	2,831,760			2,831,760(I) ⁿ (11.7 FTE)
Institute Charter School Assistance Fund	460,000		460,000 ^o	
Other Transfers to Institute Charter Schools	3,622,979			3,622,979(I) ^p
Transfer of Federal Moneys to Institute Charter Schools	6,330,000			6,330,000(I) ^p (4.5 FTE)

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\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Department Implementation of Section 22-30.5-501 et seq., C.R.S.	214,782				214,782 ^a (1.6 FTE)	

^a This amount shall be from general education development program fees.

^b Of this amount, \$1,620,583 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S., and \$493,771 shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S.

^c These amounts shall be from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund created in Section 22-60.5-112 (1) (a), C.R.S., and are shown for informational purposes only because the Educator Licensure Cash Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department pursuant to Section 22-60.5-112 (1) (b) (I), C.R.S.

^d These amounts shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4) (a) of Article IX of the State Constitution. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State Constitution, appropriations from the State Education Fund are not subject to the limitation on fiscal year spending set forth in Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

^e Of these amounts, \$554,164 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4) (a) of Article IX of the State Constitution; \$382,542(I) shall be from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund created in Section 22-60.5-112 (1) (a), C.R.S., and is shown for informational purposes only because the Educator Licensure Cash Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department pursuant to Section 22-60.5-112 (1) (b) (I), C.R.S.; \$187,153 shall be from the Early Literacy Fund created in Section 22-7-1210 (1), C.R.S.; \$160,757 shall be from the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund created in Section 22-43.7-104 (1), C.R.S.; and \$26,661 shall be from general education development program fees. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State Constitution, appropriations from the State Education Fund are not subject to the limitation on fiscal year spending set forth in Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

^f Of these amounts, \$526,413 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S., and \$640,579 is estimated to be transferred from various appropriations to the Department of Education.

^g This amount shall be transferred from the Assistance to Public Schools, Grant Programs, Distributions, and Other Assistance, Capital Construction, Division of Public School Capital Construction Assistance line item.

^h This amount shall be transferred from the Assistance to Public Schools, Categorical Programs, District Programs Required by Statute, Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities line item.

ⁱ This amount shall be from interest and income earned on the investment of moneys in the Public School Fund that is credited to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Section 22-41-102 (3) (a), C.R.S. Pursuant to Section 22-2-112 (1) (i), C.R.S., publishing costs shall be paid out of State Public School Fund created in Section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S.

^j Of this amount, \$525,094 shall be transferred from various appropriations to the Department of Education and \$100,000 shall be transferred from the Assistance to Public Schools, Public School Finance, State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding line item.

^k This amount shall be from various sources of cash funds.

^l This amount shall be transferred from various appropriations in the Department of Education.

^m These amounts shall be from the federal grant for state assessments and related activities authorized pursuant to Title VI, Part A, Section 6113 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and are included for informational purposes only.

ⁿ These amounts shall be transferred from the Assistance to Public Schools, Public School Finance, State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding line item.

^o This amount shall be from the Institute Charter School Assistance Fund created in Section 22-30.5-515.5 (1) (a), C.R.S.

^p These amounts shall be transferred from various line items in the Assistance to Public Schools section.

(E) Indirect Cost Assessment

Indirect Cost Assessment	528,192		301,950(I) ^a		226,242(I)
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^a This amount shall be from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund created in Section 22-60.5-112 (1) (a), C.R.S., and is shown for informational purposes only because the Educator Licensure Cash Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department pursuant to Section 22-60.5-112 (1) (b) (I), C.R.S.

83,942,262
83,974,470

(2) ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(A) Public School Finance

Administration	1,541,836		20,765 ^a		1,521,071 ^b
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			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
					(0.2 FTE)	(17.0 FTE)	
State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding ⁵	3,782,486,008		2,473,135,583	710,835,957 ^c	598,514,468 ^d		
Hold-harmless Full-day Kindergarten Funding	7,302,816				7,302,816 ^a		
District Per Pupil Reimbursements for Juveniles Held in Jail	25,000				25,000 ^a		
At-risk Supplemental Aid	5,094,358				5,094,358 ^c		
	<u>3,796,450,018</u>						

^a These amounts shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4) (a) of Article IX of the State Constitution. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State Constitution, appropriations from the State Education Fund are not subject to the limitation on fiscal year spending set forth in Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

^b This amount shall be transferred from the Assistance to Public Schools, Public School Finance, State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding line item.

^c This amount shall be from the General Fund Exempt Account created in Section 24-77-103.6 (2), C.R.S.

^d Of this amount, \$529,920,818 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4) (a) of Article IX of the State Constitution, and \$68,593,650 shall be from the State Public School Fund created in Section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State Constitution, appropriations from the State Education Fund are not subject to the limitation on fiscal year spending set forth in Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution. Of the amount appropriated from the State Public School Fund, \$59,963,997 is estimated to be from federal mineral leasing revenues transferred to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Sections 22-54-114 (1) and 34-63-102, C.R.S., \$8,397,518 is estimated to be from interest and income earned on the investment of moneys in the Public School Fund that is credited to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Section 22-41-102 (3) (a), C.R.S., and \$232,135 is estimated to be from reserves in the State Public School Fund.

^e This amount shall be from the State Public School Fund created in Section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S., from ~~audit recoveries that are credited to the Fund pursuant to Section 22-54-114 (4) (a), C.R.S.~~ INTEREST AND INCOME EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT OF MONEYS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND THAT IS CREDITED TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-41-102 (3) (a), C.R.S.

(B) Categorical Programs

(1) District Programs Required by Statute

Special Education

Programs for Children

with Disabilities	316,473,313	71,572,347	89,409,439 ^a	104,043 ^b (1.0 FTE)	155,387,484(I) ^c (62.0 FTE)
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English Language

Proficiency Program

27,983,302	3,101,598	13,637,547 ^a		11,244,157(I) ^d (4.6 FTE)
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(2) Other Categorical Programs

Public School

Transportation

54,667,347	36,922,227	17,745,120 ^e (2.0 FTE)		
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Transfer to the Department

of Higher Education for

Distribution of State

Assistance for Career and

Technical Education

24,983,788	17,792,850	7,190,938 ^a		
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Special Education

Programs for Gifted and

Talented Children

10,007,091	5,500,000	4,507,091 ^a (0.5 FTE)		
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			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Expelled and At-risk Student Services Grant Program	7,493,560		5,788,807		1,704,753 ^a (1.0 FTE)		
Small Attendance Center Aid	959,379		787,645		171,734 ^a		
Comprehensive Health Education	1,005,396		300,000		705,396 ^a (1.0 FTE)		
	<u>443,573,176</u>						

^a These amounts shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4) (a) of Article IX of the State Constitution. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State Constitution, appropriations from the State Education Fund are not subject to the limitation on fiscal year spending set forth in Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

^b This amount shall be from federal funds transferred from the Department of Human Services.

^c This amount shall be from federal funds authorized pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and is included for informational purposes only.

^d This amount shall be from federal funds authorized pursuant to Title III of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and is included for informational purposes only.

^e Of this amount, \$17,295,120 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4) (a) of Article IX of the State Constitution and \$450,000 shall be from the Public School Transportation Fund created in Section 22-51-103 (1), C.R.S. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State Constitution, appropriations from the State Education Fund are not subject to the limitation on fiscal year spending set forth in Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

(C) Grant Programs, Distributions, and Other Assistance

(1) Health and Nutrition

Federal Nutrition Programs	156,554,776	84,747 (0.9 FTE)		156,470,029(I) (8.1 FTE)
State Match for School Lunch Program	2,472,644		2,472,644 ^a	
Child Nutrition School Lunch Protection Program	850,000		850,000 ^b	
Start Smart Nutrition Program Fund	1,097,983	1,097,983		
Start Smart Nutrition Program	1,136,983		39,000 ^c	1,097,983 ^c
Breakfast After the Bell	14,341,931	24,128 (0.3 FTE)		14,317,803(I)
S.B. 97-101 Public School Health Services	137,806			137,806 ^d (1.4 FTE)
(2) Capital Construction				
Division of Public School Capital Construction Assistance				
	896,141		896,141 ^e (9.0 FTE)	
Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board - Lease Payments				
	65,000,000		65,000,000 ^e	

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			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Public School Capital Construction Assistance							
Board - Cash Grants	45,000,000				45,000,000 ^e		
Financial Assistance							
Priority Assessment	50,000				50,000 ^e		
State Aid for Charter School Facilities	7,000,000				7,000,000 ^b		
(3) Reading and Literacy Early Literacy Competitive Grant Program	5,163,338				5,163,338 ^f (8.0 FTE)		
Early Literacy Program Per Pupil Intervention Funding	15,397,672				15,397,672 ^g (1.0 FTE)		
Early Literacy Assessment Tool Program	2,679,484				2,679,484 ^b		
(4) Professional Development and Instructional Support Content Specialists	463,652				463,652 ^b (5.0 FTE)		
Office of Dropout Prevention and Student Reengagement	2,400,000						2,400,000(I)

(2.3 FTE)

Stipends for Nationally Board Certified Teachers	1,580,800		1,580,800 ^b		
Quality Teacher Recruitment Program	3,000,000		3,000,000 ^b		
Educator Perception	100,000	100,000			
English Language Learners Technical Assistance	311,682	311,682			
		(4.1 FTE)			
(5) Facility Schools					
Facility Schools Unit and Facility Schools Board	263,517			263,517 ^h	
				(3.0 FTE)	
Facility School Funding	17,051,972		17,051,972 ^b		
(6) Other Assistance					
Appropriated Sponsored Programs	281,430,903		2,714,450 ⁱ	4,607,476 ^j	274,108,977(I)
			(1.0 FTE)	(6.0 FTE)	(61.7 FTE)
School Counselor Corps Grant Program	5,002,716		5,002,716 ^b		
			(1.0 FTE)		
BOCES Funding per Section 22-5-122, C.R.S.	1,302,785		1,302,785 ^b		
			(1.0 FTE)		
Contingency Reserve Fund	1,000,000		1,000,000 ^k		
Supplemental On-line Education Services	480,000		480,000 ^l		

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		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children	23,217			23,217 ^b		
College and Career Readiness	170,845	170,845 (1.8 FTE)				
	<u>632,360,847</u>					

^a This amount shall be from interest and income earned on the investment of moneys in the Public School Fund that is credited to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Section 22-41-102 (3) (a), C.R.S.

^b These amounts shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4) (a) of Article IX of the State Constitution. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State Constitution, appropriations from the State Education Fund are not subject to the limitation on fiscal year spending set forth in Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

^c These amounts shall be from the Start Smart Nutrition Program Fund created in Section 22-82.7-105 (1), C.R.S., including \$1,097,983 reappropriated funds from the General Fund moneys appropriated to the Start Smart Nutrition Program Fund line item in FY 2014-15 and \$39,000 cash funds from fund reserves.

^d This amount shall be from federal Medicaid funds transferred from the Transfer to Department of Education for Public School Health Services line item in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

^e These amounts shall be from the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund created in Section 22-43.7-104 (1), C.R.S.

^f This amount shall be from the Early Literacy Fund created in Section 22-7-1210 (1), C.R.S., and shall include \$4,561,010 from tobacco settlement moneys that are transferred to the Fund pursuant to Section 22-7-1210 (3), C.R.S., and \$602,328 transferred from the State Education Fund pursuant to Section 22-7-1210 (1) (d) (I), C.R.S. Pursuant to Section 24-22-116 (2) (a) (I), C.R.S., tobacco litigation settlement funds are not state fiscal year spending as defined in Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

^e This amount shall be from the Early Literacy Fund created in Section 22-7-1210 (1), C.R.S., from moneys transferred from the State Education Fund pursuant to Section 22-7-1210 (1) (d) (I), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be transferred from the Assistance to Public Schools, Grant Programs, Distributions, and Other Assistance, Facility Schools, Facility School Funding line item.

ⁱ Of this amount, \$1,904,450 shall be from various grants and donations and \$810,000 shall be from fees and charges for workshops, conferences, training programs, and seminars.

^j This amount shall be transferred from the Division of Child Care in the Department of Human Services.

^k This amount shall be from the Contingency Reserve Fund created in Section 22-54-117 (1) (a), C.R.S., from school district reimbursements that are credited to the Fund pursuant to Section 22-54-117 (1) (c), C.R.S.

^l This amount shall be from federal mineral leasing revenues transferred to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Sections 22-54-114 (1) and 34-63-102, C.R.S.

(D) Indirect Cost Assessment

Indirect Cost Assessment	2,057,248	25,000 ^a	55,571 ^b	1,976,677(I)
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^a This amount shall be from various grants and donations.

^b This amount shall be from federal Medicaid funds transferred from the Transfer to Department of Education for Public School Health Services line item in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

4,874,441,289

(3) LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Administration	1,022,962	771,748 (11.8 FTE)	251,214 ^a (2.5 FTE)	
Federal Library Funding	2,993,042			2,993,042(I) (23.8 FTE)

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			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Colorado Library Consortium	1,000,000		1,000,000				
Colorado Virtual Library	379,796		359,796		20,000 ^a		
Colorado Talking Book Library, Building Maintenance and Utilities Expenses	70,660		70,660				
Reading Services for the Blind ⁶	360,000					360,000 ^b	
State Grants to Publicly-Supported Libraries Fund	2,000,000		2,000,000				
State Grants to Publicly-Supported Libraries Program ⁷	2,000,000					2,000,000 ^c	
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>55,327</u>						55,327(I)
		9,881,787					

^a These amounts shall be from grants and donations.

^b This amount shall be from moneys appropriated from the Colorado Disabled Telephone Users Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies, to be credited to the Reading Services for the Blind Cash Fund created in Section 24-90-105.5 (5), C.R.S., pursuant to Section 40-17-104 (1), C.R.S.

^c This amount shall be from the State Grants to Publicly-supported Libraries Fund created in Section 24-90-407 (1), C.R.S.

(4) SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

(A) School Operations

Personal Services	9,391,391		
	(141.3 FTE)		
Early Intervention Services	1,187,847		
	(10.0 FTE)		
Shift Differential	106,056		
Operating Expenses	417,277		
Vehicle Lease Payments	21,083		
Utilities	554,810		
	582,360		
Allocation of State and Federal Categorical Program Funding	170,000		
	(0.4 FTE)		
Medicaid Reimbursements for Public School Health Services	401,577		
	(1.5 FTE)		
	<u>12,250,041</u>	10,172,809	2,077,232 ^a
	12,277,591	10,200,359	

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\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fees and Conferences	120,000					
Outreach Services	1,025,000					
	(5.4 FTE)					
Tuition from Out-of-state Students	200,000					
Grants	1,200,000					
	<u>(9.0 FTE)</u>					
	2,545,000			1,075,000 ^a	1,470,000 ^b	

^a Of this amount, \$1,470,655 shall be transferred from the Assistance to Public Schools, Grant Programs, Distributions, and Other Assistance, Facility Schools, Facility School Funding line item, \$401,577 shall be from federal Medicaid funds transferred from the Public School Health Services line item in Other Medical Services in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing pursuant to the S.B. 97-101 Public School Health Services program, \$170,000 shall be transferred from various line items in the Assistance to Public Schools, Categorical Programs section, and, \$35,000 shall be transferred from federal Child Nutrition Act funds appropriated in the Assistance to Public Schools, Grant Programs, Distributions, and Other Assistance, Other Assistance, Appropriated Sponsored Programs line item.

(B) Special Purpose

^a Of this amount, \$755,000 shall be from fees collected from school districts, boards of cooperative services, and private entities for the purposes of outreach services, \$200,000 shall be tuition payments received from other states, and \$120,000 shall be from fees and charges for workshops and conferences.

^b This amount shall be from various federal funds transferred from the Assistance to Public Schools section.

~~14,795,041~~

- 6 Department of Education, Library Programs, Reading Services for the Blind -- This appropriation is for the support of privately operated reading services for the blind, as authorized by Section 24-90-105.5, C.R.S. It is the intent of the General Assembly that \$310,000 of this appropriation be used to provide access to radio and television broadcasts of locally published and produced materials and \$50,000 of this appropriation be used to provide telephone access to digital transmissions of nationally published and produced materials.
- 7 Department of Education, Library Programs, State Grants to Publicly-Supported Libraries Program -- It is the intent of the General Assembly that grants provided through this line item be used to support efforts to improve early literacy.

SECTION 2. 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: March 11, 2015