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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

**BILL TOPIC:** "Repeal The Grow Your Own Educator Program"

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE GROW YOUR OWN EDUCATOR**  
102 **PROGRAM.**

**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.** The bill repeals the grow your own educator program.

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

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal**  
2 22-60.5-208.5.

3           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-201, **amend**  
4 (1)(a.5)(I)(B) and (1)(b)(I)(B) as follows:

5           **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term - rules.**

6 (1) The department is designated as the sole agency authorized to issue  
7 the following teacher licenses to persons of good moral character:

8           (a.5) **Teacher of record license.** (I) The department shall issue  
9 a teacher of record license to an applicant who:

10           (B) Is enrolled ~~in a grow your own educator program pursuant to~~  
11 ~~section 22-60.5-208.5, or in a one- or two-year teacher of record program~~  
12 ~~pursuant to section 22-60.5-208.7; and~~

13           (b) **Initial teacher license.** (I) Except as otherwise provided in  
14 subsection (1)(b)(II) of this section, the department, in its discretion, may  
15 issue an initial teacher license to any applicant who:

16           (B) Has completed an approved program of preparation for  
17 teachers OR a one-year or two-year alternative teacher program; ~~or a grow~~  
18 ~~your own educator program established pursuant to section~~  
19 ~~22-60.5-208.5;~~

20           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-18-202, **repeal**  
21 (2)(b)(III) as follows:

22           **23-18-202. College opportunity fund - appropriations -**  
23 **payment of stipends - reimbursement - report.** (2) (b) (III) ~~If the~~  
24 ~~student is enrolled in a grow your own educator program pursuant to~~  
25 ~~section 22-60.5-208.5, and the school district or charter school receives~~  
26 ~~a grant pursuant to section 22-60.5-208.5 (6), the school district or charter~~  
27 ~~school that employs the student as a teacher of record as described in~~

1 ~~section 22-60.5-201 (1)(a.5) during the teaching portion of the grow your~~  
2 ~~own educator program is responsible for paying the student's share of~~  
3 ~~total in-state tuition, not to exceed thirty-six credit hours, less any amount~~  
4 ~~received in federal and state financial aid.~~

5 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-105, **amend**  
6 (3) as follows:

7 **23-78-105. Teacher mentor grant program - created -**  
8 **standards - report.** (3) The department of higher education and the  
9 department of education, in collaboration, shall work with the deans of  
10 the schools of education in Colorado institutions of higher education, or  
11 their designees, persons who implement alternative teacher programs,  
12 local education providers, teachers, and other interested parties to identify  
13 best practice standards and guidelines for teacher mentoring. The  
14 department of higher education shall adopt the standards and guidelines  
15 and make them available to local education providers and educator  
16 preparation programs by January 1, 2020, and shall review and update the  
17 standards as necessary. A teacher residency program that is operating  
18 pursuant to article 60.3 of title 22 OR a teaching fellowship program that  
19 is operating pursuant to part 3 of this article 78 ~~or a grow your own~~  
20 ~~educator program that is operating pursuant to section 22-60.5-208.5~~ and  
21 that provides mentoring for teacher candidates that meets the standards  
22 adopted pursuant to this subsection (3) may apply to receive a grant  
23 through the teacher mentor grant program, subject to the requirements  
24 specified in this section.

25 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**  
26 (24)(a)(IX) as follows:

27 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**

1     **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
2     **declaration - repeal.** (24) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
3     are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2023:

4             (IX) ~~The grow your own educator program, authorized pursuant~~  
5     ~~to section 22-60.5-208.5;~~

6             **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
7     determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
8     preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.