

MEMORANDUM



JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO Joint Budget Committee Members
FROM JBC Staff
DATE February 3, 2022
SUBJECT Potential Legislation

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TO Members of the Joint Budget Committee
FROM Emily Hansen, JBC Staff (303-866-4961)
DATE February 3, 2022
SUBJECT LLS 22-0818.02 Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant

As originally drafted, LLS 22-0818 transferred \$5.0 million General Fund to the Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention fund and allowed the Department of Public Safety to distribute those funds without a grant process in FY 2021-22. Current statute requires distribution through a competitive grant process. Staff has provided an updated bill draft, LLS 22-0818.02, which ties the allowance to distribute funds without a grant process to the \$5.0 million transferred without limiting the provision to the current fiscal year.

During a staff presentation on February 1, 2022, the Committee requested that the Department respond to two concerns regarding the direct distribution of funds from the Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant.

- SUPPLY CHAIN:** The Department indicates that some local agencies have experienced equipment delivery delays due to manufacturing and supply chain interruptions, but many PPE orders are currently being delivered in a timely manner. The Department's primary concern is having sufficient time to assess the needs of local agencies, and procure the necessary equipment and training resources within the remaining few months of the current fiscal year.
- ENHANCING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEER AGENCIES:** The Department currently provides grant writing support and training workshops for local agencies that may not have the resources to fulfill grant requirements on their own. In addition, the Department states that it is the intent of the grant steering committee to actively reach out to these agencies to assess needs and provide the necessary resources if the allowance to distribute funds without a grant is adopted. The Department further indicates that the best way to enhance support for these agencies is to provide a consistent amount of funding for the grant program. As funding has fluctuated year to year, the time cost of applying may outweigh the potential for a grant award for small agencies. Historic funding is provided in the table below.

FISCAL YEAR	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	AVERAGE
Appropriation	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	
Requests		\$18,378,448	\$5,784,553	\$0	\$971,650	\$1,008,024	\$0	\$2,068,623	\$4,030,185
Applications		214.0	118.0	0.0	115.0	94.0	0.0	93.0	91.0

At the Department's request, LLS 22-0818.02 allows the Department to distribute \$5.0 million directly or through the existing grant process. The draft requires that the funds be used for the purchase or reimbursement of protective equipment and training. The draft also stipulates that the funds are only subject to current statute. Therefore, the distribution will not be impacted by changes made to the grant program or cash fund under S.B. 22-002 (Resources for Volunteer Firefighters).

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LLS NO. 22-0818.02 Megan Waples x4348

COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Local Firefighter Safety Resources"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY RESOURCES PROVIDED**
102 **THROUGH THE LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND DISEASE**
103 **PREVENTION FUND.**

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 state treasurer is required to transfer \$5 million from the general fund to the local firefighter safety and disease prevention fund (fund). The money is continuously appropriated to the department of public safety (department). The bill requires the division of fire prevention and control (division) in the

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

department to use the money transferred to directly pay for equipment and training for local and volunteer fire departments or to reimburse local and volunteer fire departments for the costs of equipment and training without requiring a grant application and review process. If the division determines it cannot use the full amount to directly pay for equipment and training, it may use the money for any purpose authorized prior to January 1, 2022, for money in the fund. The division is required to prioritize fire departments that it identifies as having the greatest need for assistance to ensure firefighter safety.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1231,
3 **amend** (1); and **add** (5) as follows:

4 **24-33.5-1231. Local firefighter safety and disease prevention**
5 **fund - creation - grants - rules.** (1) There is hereby created in the state
6 treasury the local firefighter safety and disease prevention fund,
7 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND". The fund consists of all
8 ~~moneys~~ MONEY that may be appropriated to the fund by the general
9 assembly and all private and public ~~moneys~~ MONEY received through
10 gifts, grants, or donations that ~~are~~ IS transmitted to the state treasurer and
11 credited to the fund. The state treasurer shall credit all interest earned
12 from the investment of ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund to the fund. The
13 ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund ~~are~~ IS hereby continuously appropriated to the
14 ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT for the purposes indicated in this section. Any
15 ~~moneys~~ MONEY not expended at the end of each fiscal year ~~remain~~
16 REMAINS in the fund and shall not be transferred to or revert to the general
17 fund.

18 (5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT OF THIS
19 SECTION, THE DIVISION SHALL USE THE MONEY TRANSFERRED PURSUANT
20 TO SUBSECTION (5)(c) OF THIS SECTION TO DIRECTLY PURCHASE AND

1 DISTRIBUTE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO GOVERNING BODIES AND
2 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, TO DIRECTLY PAY FOR TRAINING
3 DESIGNED TO INCREASE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND PREVENT
4 OCCUPATION-RELATED DISEASES FOR GOVERNING BODIES AND VOLUNTEER
5 FIRE DEPARTMENTS, OR TO REIMBURSE GOVERNING BODIES AND
6 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF PROTECTIVE
7 EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING WITHOUT REQUIRING A GRANT APPLICATION
8 AND PEER REVIEW PROCESS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3) OF
9 THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE DIVISION MAY USE THE MONEY FOR ANY
10 PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2022, IF THE
11 DIVISION DETERMINES IT CANNOT USE THE FULL AMOUNT AS OTHERWISE
12 REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (5)(a).

13 (b) IN DISTRIBUTING EQUIPMENT, PAYING FOR TRAINING, OR
14 PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS
15 SECTION, THE DIVISION SHALL PRIORITIZE GOVERNING BODIES AND
16 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT IT IDENTIFIES AS HAVING THE
17 GREATEST NEED FOR ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY.

18 (c) WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
19 SECTION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FIVE MILLION DOLLARS
20 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND.

21 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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LLS NO. 22-0841.01 Jacob Baus x2173

COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Adjustments To School Funding Fiscal Year 2021-22"
DEADLINES: File by: 2/4/2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS TO SCHOOL FUNDING FOR THE 2021-22**
102 **BUDGET YEAR, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING**
103 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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 general assembly recognizes that the actual funded pupil count and the at-risk pupil count for the 2021-22 budget year are lower than expected when the appropriation amount for the state share of total program funding was established during the 2021 legislative session, resulting in a decrease in total program funding for the

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2021-22 budget year.

In addition, local property tax revenue and specific ownership tax revenue are higher than anticipated, resulting in an increase in the local share of total program funding.

The bill declares the general assembly's intent to maintain total program funding after application of the budget stabilization factor at the amount of the original appropriation for the 2021-22 budget year.

The bill appropriates \$91,433,760 in cash funds from the state education fund to distribute to school districts and institute charter schools that received lower than anticipated funding for at-risk pupils for the 2021-22 budget year. The appropriation is additional funding and does not affect a district's or institute charter school's total program.

The bill decreases the appropriation for the state share of total program funding by \$139,565,749 in cash funds from the state education fund and adjusts the 2021-22 state fiscal year long bill accordingly.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) The actual funded pupil count and at-risk pupil count for the
5 2021-22 budget year are lower than anticipated when the appropriation
6 was established in the 2021 legislative session for total program funding
7 for the 2020-21 budget year. As a result, total program funding, before
8 application of the budget stabilization factor, is \$68,192,824 lower than
9 anticipated when appropriations were established for the 2021 legislative
10 session.

11 (b) Based on actual local property tax revenue and specific
12 ownership tax revenue available to school districts for the 2021-22 budget
13 year, the local share of total program funding is \$139,565,749 higher than
14 anticipated when appropriations were established in the 2021 legislative
15 session; and

16 (c) It is the general assembly's intent to maintain total program
17 funding after the application of the budget stabilization factor at the dollar

1 amount of the original appropriation for the 2021-22 budget year.

2 (2) In addition, the general assembly finds it necessary to
3 distribute additional funding to school districts and institute charter
4 schools for at-risk pupils due to the reduced identification of at-risk pupils
5 resulting from the availability of universal free school meals.

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-104, **amend**
7 (5)(g)(I)(L) as follows:

8 **22-54-104. District total program - definitions.** (5) For
9 purposes of the formulas used in this section:

10 (g) (I) For the 2010-11 budget year and each budget year
11 thereafter, the general assembly determines that stabilization of the state
12 budget requires a reduction in the amount of the annual appropriation to
13 fund the state's share of total program funding for all districts and the
14 funding for institute charter schools. The department of education shall
15 implement the reduction in total program funding through the application
16 of a budget stabilization factor as provided in this subsection (5)(g)(I).
17 For the 2010-11 budget year and each budget year thereafter, the
18 department of education and the staff of the legislative council shall
19 determine, based on budget projections, the amount of such reduction to
20 ensure the following:

21 (L) That, for the 2021-22 budget year, the sum of the total
22 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
23 charter schools, after application of the budget stabilization factor, is not
24 less than ~~seven billion nine hundred eighty-eight million five hundred~~
25 ~~twenty-seven thousand seven hundred eleven dollars (\$7,988,527,711)~~
26 SEVEN BILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT MILLION SIX HUNDRED
27 SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS

1 (\$7,988,675,434); except that the department of education and the staff
2 of the legislative council shall make mid-year revisions to replace
3 projections with actual figures, including but not limited to actual pupil
4 enrollment, assessed valuations, and specific ownership tax revenue from
5 the prior year, to determine any necessary changes in the amount of the
6 reduction to maintain a total program funding amount for the applicable
7 budget year that is consistent with this subsection (5)(g)(I)(L). For the
8 2022-23 budget year, the difference between calculated statewide total
9 program funding and actual statewide total program funding must not
10 exceed the difference between calculated statewide total program funding
11 and actual statewide total program funding for the 2021-22 budget year.

12 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-54-144 as
13 follows:

14 **22-54-144. Additional at-risk funding - 2021-22 budget year**
15 **- legislative declaration - definition - repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS
16 SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

17 (a) "DIRECT CERTIFIED PUPILS" MEANS PUPILS WHO ARE CERTIFIED
18 AS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE MEALS BASED ON DOCUMENTATION OF BENEFIT
19 RECEIPT OR CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY AS DESCRIBED IN 7 CFR 245.6, OR
20 SUCCESSOR REGULATIONS.

21 (b) "RECALCULATED TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING" MEANS TOTAL
22 PROGRAM AFTER APPLICATION OF THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR FOR
23 A DISTRICT OR FOR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR THE 2021-22
24 BUDGET YEAR RECALCULATED USING THE DISTRICT'S OR INSTITUTE
25 CHARTER SCHOOLS' PERCENTAGE OF DIRECT CERTIFIED PUPILS FOR THE
26 2019-20 BUDGET YEAR, AND USING THE DISTRICT'S OR INSTITUTE CHARTER
27 SCHOOLS' RATIO OF FREE-LUNCH-ELIGIBLE PUPILS TO

1 REDUCED-PRICE-LUNCH-ELIGIBLE PUPILS FOR THE 2019-20 BUDGET YEAR.

2 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO
3 DISTRICTS AND INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS TO OFFSET REDUCTIONS IN
4 THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AFTER APPLICATION OF THE
5 BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR CALCULATED FOR THE 2021-22 BUDGET
6 YEAR AS A RESULT OF A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS
7 SUBMITTED DURING THE 2021-22 BUDGET YEAR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
8 FEDERAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM CREATED IN THE "RICHARD B.
9 RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.
10 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CALCULATE THE DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT FOR
11 EACH DISTRICT AND FOR THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS BASED ON THE
12 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AFTER
13 APPLICATION OF THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR THAT WAS
14 ACTUALLY CALCULATED FOR THE DISTRICT OR INSTITUTE CHARTER
15 SCHOOLS FOR THE 2021-22 BUDGET YEAR AND THE AMOUNT OF THE
16 DISTRICT'S OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS' RECALCULATED TOTAL
17 PROGRAM FUNDING, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. A DISTRICT IS,
18 OR THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE, ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A
19 DISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ONLY IF THE DISTRICT'S OR
20 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS' RECALCULATED TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING
21 IS GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AFTER
22 APPLICATION OF THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR CALCULATED FOR
23 THE DISTRICT OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR THE 2021-22 BUDGET
24 YEAR.

25 (3) ANY DISTRIBUTION MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS
26 ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND DOES NOT AFFECT A DISTRICT'S OR INSTITUTE
27 CHARTER SCHOOL'S TOTAL PROGRAM FOR THE 2021-22 BUDGET YEAR.

1 (4) (a) EACH DISTRICT THAT AUTHORIZES A CHARTER SCHOOL
2 SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF
3 THE DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL'S PER-PUPIL SHARE OF THE DISTRIBUTION
4 RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. A DISTRICT
5 CHARTER SCHOOL'S DISTRIBUTION IS DETERMINED BY DIVIDING THE
6 AMOUNT OF THE DISTRIBUTION RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO
7 THIS SECTION BY THE DISTRICT'S AT-RISK PUPIL COUNT FOR THE 2021-22
8 BUDGET YEAR AND THEN MULTIPLYING THAT AMOUNT BY THE DISTRICT
9 CHARTER SCHOOL'S AT-RISK PUPIL COUNT FOR THE 2021-22 BUDGET YEAR.

10 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE TOTAL AMOUNT
11 CALCULATED FOR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO THIS
12 SECTION TO THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE, WHICH SHALL
13 DISTRIBUTE TO EACH INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
14 OF THE AMOUNT CALCULATED FOR THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL
15 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

16 (5) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE FOR THE
17 2021-22 BUDGET YEAR THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO FUND THE
18 DISTRIBUTIONS TO DISTRICTS AND INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS
19 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

20 (6) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT, FOR PURPOSES OF
21 SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, DISTRIBUTING
22 ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND INSTITUTE CHARTER
23 SCHOOLS FOR AT-RISK PUPILS DUE TO REDUCED IDENTIFICATION OF
24 AT-RISK PUPILS RESULTING FROM THE AVAILABILITY OF UNIVERSAL FREE
25 SCHOOL MEALS IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN IMPLEMENTING
26 ACCOUNTABLE PROGRAMS TO MEET STATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS, AND
27 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY THEREFORE

- 1 RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE STATE EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION
- 2 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.
- 3 (7) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

APPROPRIATION FROM

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	State Share of Districts'						
2	Total Program Funding ^{6,7}	4,342,793,552	2,696,820,934	865,284,199 ^c	780,688,419 ^d		
3		4,203,227,803			641,122,670 ^d		
4	District Per Pupil						
5	Reimbursements for						
6	Juveniles Held in Jail	10,000			10,000 ^e		
7	At-risk Supplemental Aid	4,844,358			4,844,358 ^f		
8	At-risk Per Pupil						
9	Additional Funding	5,000,000			5,000,000 ^f		
10	Additional Funding for						
11	Rural Districts and Institute						
12	Charter Schools	30,000,000			30,000,000 ^g		
13		4,385,215,556					
14		4,245,649,807					
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APPROPRIATION FROM

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

1 ^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
2 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.

3 ^b This amount shall be from the State Public School Fund created in Section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S.

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

5 ^d Of this amount, ~~\$587,390,325~~ \$447,824,576 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4)(a) of Article IX of the State Constitution and \$193,298,094 shall be from
6 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
7 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,
8 \$154,290,341 is estimated to be from State Public School Fund reserves, \$30,360,235 is estimated to be from federal mineral leasing revenues transferred to the State Public School
9 Fund pursuant to Sections 22-54-114 (1) and 34-63-102, C.R.S., and \$8,647,518 is estimated to be from interest and income earned on the investment of money in the Public School
10 Fund that is credited to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Section 22-41-102 (3)(f), C.R.S.

11 ^e 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
12 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.

13 ^f These amounts shall be from the State Public School Fund created in Section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S., from interest and income earned on the investment of money in the Public School
14 Fund that is credited to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Section 22-41-102 (3)(g), C.R.S.

15 ^g This amount shall be from the Rural Schools Cash Fund created in Section 22-54-142 (5), C.R.S.

1 **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** For the 2021-22 state fiscal year,
2 \$91,433,760 is appropriated to the department of education. This
3 appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17 (4)(a)
4 of article IX of the state constitution. To implement this act, the
5 department may use this appropriation for additional funding provided
6 pursuant to section 22-54-144 (2), C.R.S.

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