

The title of C.R.S. 22-54-131 is:

“Full-day kindergarten funding - guidelines - technical assistance - legislative intent - legislative declaration”

Let’s look at point (6) in the statute:

- Beginning in the 2009-10 budget year and continuing through the 2013-14 budget year, it is the intent of the general assembly to increase annually the appropriation to be used by districts to provide full-day kindergarten programs.

For each budget year, the general assembly intends to

appropriate the following amounts:

- a) For the 2009-10 budget year, \$60 million
- b) For the 2010-11 budget year, \$70 million
- c) For the 2011-12 budget year, \$80 million
- d) For the 2012-13 budget year, \$90 million
- e) For the 2013-14 budget year, \$100 million

Total “intended” allocation: \$400 million

Kind of makes the \$243 million fiscal note look small - right?

HB 18-1088 is going to make these figures look like: **Chump Change!!!**

Now the price tag to fully fund the program according to statute is:

2019-20 -- \$134 M

2020-21 -- \$182 M

2021-22 -- \$231 M

2022-23 -- \$280 M

2023-24 -- \$297 M

The price tag is now: \$1.124 BILLION

Sure helps to put off your obligations - right?