

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Appropriations.

HB26-1078 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 12 through 21 and substitute:

2 **"SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

3 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this
4 act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the
5 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of higher education are
6 adjusted as follows:

7 (a) The general fund appropriation for the college opportunity
8 fund program to be used for fee-for-service contracts with state
9 institutions pursuant to section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., is decreased by
10 \$80,178; and

11 (b) The reappropriated funds appropriation for the regents of the
12 university of Colorado received from the fee-for-service contracts with
13 state institutions pursuant to section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., under
14 subsection (1)(a) of this section is decreased by \$80,178.

15 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of
16 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27
17 state fiscal year if:

18 (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the
19 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the
20 department of higher education for the college opportunity fund program
21 to be used for fee-for-service contracts with state institutions pursuant to
22 section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., is less than the amount of the adjustment
23 required in subsection (1)(a) of this section; or

24 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state
25 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of higher
26 education for the college opportunity fund program to be used for
27 fee-for-service contracts with state institutions pursuant to section
28 23-18-303.5, C.R.S.

29 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal
30 year, \$66,056 is appropriated to the department of education. This
31 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
32 department may use this appropriation as follows:

33 (a) \$21,685 for use by school district operations for administration
34 related to public school finance, which amount is based on an assumption
35 that the division will require an additional 0.2 FTE; and

36 (b) \$44,371 for use by student pathways for postsecondary
37 workforce readiness administration, which amount is based on an
38 assumption that the division will require an additional 0.4 FTE.

39 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage

1 [or July 1, 2026?]; except that section 2 of this act takes effect only if the
2 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes
3 law, in which case section 2 takes effect upon the effective date of this act
4 or of the annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27,
5 whichever is later."

6 Page 1, line 103, strike "**PROGRAMS.**" and substitute "**PROGRAMS, AND,**
7 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN**
8 **APPROPRIATION.**".

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