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HOUSE BILL 26-1191

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House Committees
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT**
102 **RECEIVES STATE EDUCATION FUND MONEY FOR CAPITAL**
103 **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR QUALIFIED CHARTER SCHOOLS**
104 **IN THE DISTRICT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING**
105 **THE STATE AUDITOR'S EXAMINATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S**
106 **RECORDS DISCRETIONARY RATHER THAN MANDATORY.**

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/>.)

Legislative Audit Committee. Current law requires the state

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auditor to annually examine the records of a school district that received state education fund money (school district) for capital construction projects for qualified charter schools in the district to determine the amount of state education fund money expended by each school district in the state for capital construction and to identify the schools and projects on which school districts expended the money. The bill repeals this requirement and instead allows the state auditor to conduct the examination at the state auditor's discretion.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-115, **amend** (1)
3 as follows:

4 **2-3-115. Use of state education fund money for school capital**
5 **construction - audits - reports.**

6 (1) For the 2001-02 school district budget year and each school
7 district budget year thereafter, for the purpose of determining the amount
8 of state education fund ~~moneys~~ MONEY expended by each school district
9 in the state for capital construction and identifying the schools and
10 projects on which school districts expended ~~such moneys~~ THE MONEY, the
11 state auditor ~~shall annually~~ MAY, AT THE STATE AUDITOR'S DISCRETION,
12 examine the records of each school district in the state that received state
13 education fund ~~moneys~~ MONEY for the budget ~~year~~: YEAR

14 ~~(a) Directly~~ DIRECTLY from the department of education for
15 capital construction aid to qualified charter schools, as defined in section
16 22-54-124 (1)(f.6), ~~C.R.S.~~ in accordance with section 22-54-124 (4).
17 ~~C.R.S., or~~

18 ~~(b) For budget years 2000-01 through 2006-07, indirectly from the~~
19 ~~school capital construction expenditures reserve created in section~~
20 ~~22-54-117 (1.5)(a)(I), C.R.S. as said reserve existed prior to July 1, 2008,~~
21 ~~and for the budget year 2007-08, indirectly from the school capital~~

1 ~~construction expenditures reserve fund, as said fund existed prior to July~~
2 ~~1, 2008.~~

3 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
6 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.