

# An Act

HOUSE BILL 26-1153

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also SENATOR(S) Bridges, Amabile, Kirkmeyer.

CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

**SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 2 of chapter 476, (SB 25-206), **amend** Part IV as follows:

**Section 2. Appropriation.**

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APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>PART IV</b>							
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>							
<b>(I) MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION</b>							
<b>(A) Administration and Centrally-Appropriated Line Items</b>							
State Board of Education	591,597		591,597 (2.5 FTE)				
General Department and Program Administration	7,130,010		3,398,673 (24.2 FTE)		189,578 <sup>a</sup> (2.1 FTE)	3,541,759 <sup>b</sup> (19.9 FTE)	
Grants Administration	593,016		438,355 (0.3 FTE)		154,661 <sup>c</sup> (0.2 FTE)		
Health, Life, and Dental	40,185,306		4,245,500		1,621,444 <sup>d</sup>	962,909 <sup>e</sup>	3,355,453 <sup>f</sup>
Short-term Disability	10,109,661		4,029,691		1,639,924 <sup>d</sup>	990,042 <sup>e</sup>	3,450,004 <sup>g</sup>
Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance	43,788		17,808		6,486 <sup>d</sup>	4,657 <sup>e</sup>	14,837 <sup>h</sup>
Unfunded Liability	281,513		113,206		42,985 <sup>d</sup>	29,940 <sup>e</sup>	95,382 <sup>i</sup>
Amortization Equalization Disbursement	6,255,840		2,501,587		969,318 <sup>d</sup>	665,340 <sup>e</sup>	2,119,595 <sup>j</sup>
Salary Survey	1,659,158		649,333		251,468 <sup>d</sup>	182,709 <sup>e</sup>	575,648 <sup>k</sup>
Step Pay	377,596		144,466		57,000 <sup>d</sup>	37,338 <sup>e</sup>	138,792 <sup>l</sup>
PERA Direct Distribution	1,293,177		957,714		197,927 <sup>d</sup>	137,536 <sup>e</sup>	
Workers' Compensation	312,534		150,161		40,784 <sup>d</sup>	10,562 <sup>e</sup>	111,027 <sup>m</sup>
Legal Services	1,194,782		738,375		400,252 <sup>d</sup>	56,155 <sup>e</sup>	
Administrative Law Judge Services	251,414				251,414 <sup>f</sup>		
Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds	1,024,799		1,024,799				

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
Capitol Complex Leased Space	1,288,751	367,293		234,554 <sup>d</sup>	117,276 <sup>g</sup>	569,628(1)
CORE Operations	53,850	26,922		20,862 <sup>h</sup>	6,066 <sup>i</sup>	
	<u>32,537,131</u>					
	32,461,486					

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from general education development program fees.

<sup>b</sup> Of this amount, \$2,471,912 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S., and \$1,069,847 shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S.

<sup>c</sup> Of this amount, \$79,328 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4)(a) of Article IX of the State Constitution, \$40,262 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., \$27,096 shall be from the Early Literacy Fund created in Section 22-7-1210 (1), C.R.S. \$4,459 shall be from the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund created in Section 22-43.7-104 (1), C.R.S., and \$3,516 shall be from the Start Smart Nutrition Program Fund created in Section 22-82.7-105 (1), C.R.S. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State 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.

<sup>d</sup> Of these amounts, ~~\$1,237,594~~ \$1,237,594 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4)(a) of Article IX of the State Constitution, ~~\$1,054,108~~ \$1,057,817(1) shall be from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund created in Section 22-60.5-112 (1)(a), C.R.S., ~~\$605,550~~ \$609,295 shall be from the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund created in Section 22-43.7-104 (1), C.R.S., ~~\$476,000~~ \$478,943 shall be from the Early Literacy Fund created in Section 22-7-1210 (1), C.R.S., ~~\$187,570~~ \$188,594 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., \$50,090 shall be from the Healthy School Meals for All Program Cash Fund created in Section 22-82.9-211 (2), C.R.S., ~~\$44,831~~ \$45,078 shall be from general education development program fees, and ~~\$172,646~~ \$173,287 shall be from various sources of cash funds. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State 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.

<sup>e</sup> Of these amounts, ~~\$1,833,903~~ \$1,861,036 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S., \$56,155 is estimated to be transferred from the Division of Public School Capital Construction Assistance line item appropriation in the School District Operations section of this department, \$26,405 is estimated to be from Medicaid funds transferred from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing from the Transfer to the Department of Education for Public School Health Services Administration line item in the Executive Director's Office, \$22,779 is estimated to be transferred from the Department of Regulatory Agencies from the Reading Services for the Blind Cash Fund and Disabled Telephone Users Fund in the Public Utilities Commission, and \$147,904 shall be from various sources of reappropriated funds.

<sup>f</sup> Of this amount, \$207,288(1) shall be from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund created in Section 22-60.5-112 (1)(a), C.R.S., and \$44,126 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 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.

<sup>g</sup> This amount shall be transferred from the Division of Public School Capital Construction Assistance line item appropriation in the School District Operations section of this department.

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ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		5,406,803		223,161 <sup>a</sup>	535,724 <sup>b</sup>	
	6,165,688	(29.0 FTE)		(0.5 FTE)	(6.9 FTE)	
	<del>1,030,649</del>	760,778		<del>204,391<sup>c</sup></del>	65,480 <sup>d</sup>	
	954,117	704,286		189,214 <sup>e</sup>	60,617 <sup>d</sup>	
	969,147	969,147				
	<u>19,722</u>	19,722				
	<u>8,185,206</u>					
	8,108,674					

<sup>b</sup> Of this amount, it is estimated that \$7,801 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4)(a) of Article IX of the State Constitution, \$4,993(l) shall be from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund created in Section 22-60.5-112 (1)(a), C.R.S., \$3,604 shall be from the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund created in Section 22-43.7-104 (1), C.R.S., \$2,852 shall be from the Early Literacy Fund created in Section 22-7-1210 (1), C.R.S., \$1,300 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and \$312 shall be from general education development program fees. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State 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.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S.

**(B) Information Technology**

Information Technology Services

Payments to OIT

Information Technology Asset Maintenance

Disaster Recovery

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the Statewide Longitudinal Data System Cash Fund created in Section 24-37.5-125 (8), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be transferred from various federal funds appropriations to the Department of Education.

<sup>c</sup> Of this amount, it is estimated that ~~\$74,515~~ \$68,982 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4)(a) of Article IX of the State Constitution, ~~\$39,887(f)~~ \$36,925(l) shall be from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund created in Section 22-60.5-112 (1)(a), C.R.S., ~~\$34,124~~ \$31,590 shall be from the Early Literacy Fund created in Section 22-7-1210 (1), C.R.S., ~~\$28,796~~ \$26,658 shall be from the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund created in Section 22-43.7-104 (1), C.R.S., ~~\$22,787~~ \$21,095 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., ~~\$2,502~~ \$2,316 shall be from general education development program fees, and ~~\$1,780~~ \$1,648 shall be from various sources of cash funds. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State 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.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S.

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
<b>(C) Special Purpose</b> BOCES Funding per Section 22-5-122, C.R.S.	3,327,275			3,327,275 <sup>a</sup> (1.0 FTE)		
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children	21,298			21,298 <sup>a</sup>		
Reprinting and Distributing Laws Concerning Education	<u>35,480</u> 3,384,053			35,480 <sup>b</sup>		

<sup>a</sup> 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 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.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from interest and income earned on the investment of money in the Public School Fund that is credited to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Section 22-41-102 (3)(g), C.R.S. Pursuant to Section 22-2-112 (1)(i), C.R.S., publishing costs shall be paid out of State Public School Fund created in Section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S.

<b>(D) Indirect Cost Assessment</b> Indirect Cost Assessment	967,042			591,523(1) <sup>a</sup>		375,519(1)
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<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund created in Section 22-60.5-112 (1)(a), C.R.S.

~~45,073,432~~  
44,921,255

<b>(2) STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM</b> Statewide Assessment Program	33,447,220			25,635,138 <sup>a</sup> (4.0 FTE)		7,812,082(1) <sup>b</sup> (15.9 FTE)
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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(3) SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATIONS</b>							
<b>(A) Public School Finance</b>							
Administration	2,471,809		2,210,618 (16.0 FTE)		261,191 <sup>a</sup> (1.5 FTE)		
Financial Transparency					92,786 <sup>a</sup> (1.0 FTE)		
System Maintenance	92,786						
School Finance Audit					3,000,000 <sup>b</sup>		
Payments	3,000,000						
State Share of Districts'							
Total Program Funding <sup>10</sup>	5,463,908,610		3,095,718,552	1,292,968,309 <sup>c</sup>	1,075,221,749 <sup>d</sup>		
Extended High School <sup>11</sup>	24,559,880				24,559,880 <sup>a</sup>		
District Per Pupil							
Reimbursements for							
Juveniles Held in Jail	10,000				10,000 <sup>b</sup>		
At-risk Per Pupil							
Additional Funding	5,000,000				5,000,000 <sup>a</sup>		
Contingency Reserve Fund	1,000,000				1,000,000 <sup>c</sup>		
	<u>5,500,043,085</u>						

<sup>a</sup> This amount 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 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.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from the federal grant for state assessments and related activities authorized pursuant to Title VI, Part A, Section 6113 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and is shown for informational purposes only.

**(3) SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

**(A) Public School Finance**

Administration 2,471,809

Financial Transparency

System Maintenance 92,786

School Finance Audit

Payments 3,000,000

State Share of Districts'

Total Program Funding<sup>10</sup> 5,463,908,610

Extended High School<sup>11</sup>

24,559,880

District Per Pupil

Reimbursements for

Juveniles Held in Jail

10,000

At-risk Per Pupil

5,000,000

Contingency Reserve Fund

1,000,000

5,500,043,085

<sup>a</sup> 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 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.

<sup>b</sup> These amounts shall be from the State Public School Fund created in Section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S., from federal mineral leasing revenues transferred to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Sections 22-54-114 (1) and 34-63-102, C.R.S.

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

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
591,135,231	591,135,231	93,572,347		295,122,451 <sup>a</sup>	191,090 <sup>b</sup> (1.0 FTE)	202,249,343(I) <sup>c</sup> (99.0 FTE)
47,603,560	47,603,560	3,101,598		32,764,666 <sup>a</sup>		11,737,296(I) <sup>d</sup> (4.6 FTE)
<u>638,738,791</u>						

<sup>d</sup> Of this amount, \$1,004,554,817 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4)(a) of Article IX of the State Constitution and \$70,666,932 shall be from 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 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, \$51,922,059 is estimated to be from federal mineral leasing revenues transferred to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Sections 22-54-114 (1) and 34-63-102, C.R.S., \$16,217,517 is estimated to be from marijuana sales tax revenues transferred to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Section 39-28.8-203 (1)(b)(I.5)(B), C.R.S., and appropriated pursuant to Section 22-54-139, C.R.S., and \$2,527,356 is estimated to be from interest and income earned on the investment of money in the Public School Fund that is credited to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Section 22-41-102 (3)(f), C.R.S.

<sup>e</sup> This amount shall be from the Contingency Reserve Fund created in Section 22-54-117 (1)(a), C.R.S.

**(B) Categorical Programs**

**(1) District Programs Required by Statute**

Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities

English Language Proficiency Program

<sup>a</sup> 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 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.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from federal funds transferred from the Department of Human Services.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from federal funds authorized pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from federal funds authorized pursuant to Title III of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

**(2) Other Categorical Programs**

Public School Transportation

73,461,986	36,922,227	36,501,594 <sup>a</sup> (2.0 FTE)	38,165 <sup>b</sup>
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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(C) Federal and Other Direct Support</b>							
Appropriated Sponsored Programs	260,503,302				7,503,302 <sup>a</sup> (2.5 FTE)		253,000,000(I) (58.8 FTE)
 <sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$5,000,000(I) shall be from custodial funds received from Department of Law, and \$2,503,302 shall be from various grants and donations.							
<b>(D) Nutrition</b>							
(1) Healthy School Meals for All Program					436,824 <sup>a</sup>		
Program Administration					468,824 <sup>a</sup> (3.2 FTE)		
School Meal Reimbursements	150,522,940		42,240,242		108,282,698 <sup>a</sup>		
	<u>150,959,764</u>						
	150,991,764						
 <sup>a</sup> These amounts shall be from the Healthy School Meals for All Program Cash Fund, created in Section 22-82.9-211 (2), C.R.S.							
(2) Other Nutrition Program							
Federal Nutrition Programs	338,222,699		111,060 (0.9 FTE)				338,111,639(I) (16.1 FTE)
State Match for School Lunch Program	2,472,644				2,472,644 <sup>a</sup>		
Child Nutrition School Lunch Protection Program	841,460				841,460 <sup>b</sup>		
Start Smart Nutrition Program	296,484				296,484 <sup>c</sup>		



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		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(F) Indirect Cost Assessment</b>	3,967,960			25,000 <sup>a</sup>	128,142 <sup>b</sup>	3,814,818(I)
Indirect Cost Assessment						
	7,358,049,838					
	7,358,049,838					
<b>(4) EDUCATOR TALENT</b>						
Office of Professional Services	3,706,445	804,147 (5.0 FTE)		2,902,298(I) <sup>a</sup> (22.2 FTE)		
Educator Effectiveness Unit Administration	3,638,702	3,484,391 (17.2 FTE)		154,311 <sup>b</sup> (1.0 FTE)		
Quality Teacher Recruitment Program	3,000,000	3,000,000				

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund created in Section 22-43.7-104 (1), C.R.S. Of this amount \$62,500,000 shall be from matching money paid to the state by entities that use the facilities that have been financed, pursuant to Sections 22-43.7-104 (2)(b)(IV) and 22-43.7-110 (2)(c), C.R.S., and \$62,500,000 shall be from other money credited to the fund pursuant to Section 22-43.7-104 (2), C.R.S., and excludes matching money paid to the state pursuant to Section 22-43.7-104 (2)(b)(IV), C.R.S.

<sup>c</sup> Of this amount, \$23,523,071 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4)(a) of Article IX of the State Constitution, \$12,000,000 shall be from the Charter School Facilities Assistance Account pursuant to Section 22-43.7-104 (2)(d)(II), C.R.S., and \$6,757,500 shall be from the Charter School Facilities Assistance Account pursuant to Section 22-43.7-104 (2)(d)(I), C.R.S. The Charter School Facilities Assistance Account is created in Section 22-43.7-104 (2)(d)(I) as an account within the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State 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.

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from various grants and donations.  
<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be transferred from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing from the Education subdivision of the Transfers to Other State Department Medicaid-Funded Programs division.

APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Educator Recruitment and Retention Program - Financial Assistance	5,000,000		5,000,000				
School Leadership Pilot Program	250,000		250,000 (1.2 FTE)				
Teacher Degree Apprenticeship Program	103,949		103,949 (1.0 FTE)				
		15,699,096					

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund created in Section 22-60.5-112 (1)(a), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> This amount 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 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.

**(5) STUDENT LEARNING**

**(A) Learning Supports, Intervention, and Planning**

Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment	779,088		39,025 (0.5 FTE)		740,063 <sup>a</sup> (3.5 FTE)		
Content Specialists	714,261		144,648 (0.2 FTE)		569,613 <sup>a</sup> (5.0 FTE)		
School Bullying Prevention and Education Cash Fund	1,000,000		1,000,000				
English Language Learners Technical Assistance	456,302		394,205 (4.5 FTE)		62,097 <sup>a</sup> (0.5 FTE)		



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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(B) Early Literacy</b>							
Early Literacy Program Administration and Technical Support <sup>13</sup>	1,930,481				1,930,481 <sup>a</sup> (9.3 FTE)		
Early Literacy Competitive Grant Program <sup>13</sup>	7,500,000				7,500,000 <sup>a</sup>		
Early Literacy Program Evidence Based Training Provided to Teachers <sup>13</sup>	2,784,277				2,784,277 <sup>a</sup> (3.5 FTE)		
READ Act Targeted Training Initiative <sup>14</sup>	3,361,590				3,361,590 <sup>a</sup> (2.0 FTE)		
Early Literacy Program External Evaluation	750,000				750,000 <sup>a</sup>		
Early Literacy Program Public Information Campaign	505,240				505,240 <sup>a</sup> (0.5 FTE)		
Early Literacy Program Per Pupil Intervention Program <sup>13</sup>	26,261,551				26,261,551 <sup>a</sup>		
Early Literacy Assessment Tool Program	2,997,072				2,997,072 <sup>b</sup>		
	<u>46,090,211</u>						

<sup>a</sup> These amounts shall be from the Early Literacy Fund created in Section 22-7-1210 (1), C.R.S., from money transferred from the State Education Fund pursuant to Section 22-7-1210 (1)(d)(I), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> This amount 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 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.



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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
School Transformation Grant Program	8,121,243		6,102,141 (2.8 FTE)		2,019,102 <sup>a</sup> (1.2 FTE)		
Federal School Transformation Administration and Support	769,725						769,725(1) (4.2 FTE)
Educator Perception	<u>83,500</u>		83,500				
	<u>12,614,294</u>						

<sup>a</sup> This amount 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 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.

<b>(B) Schools of Choice</b>							
Schools of Choice	10,704,219		377,719 (2.8 FTE)				10,326,500(1) (4.0 FTE)
Supplemental On-line Education Services	1,220,000				1,220,000 <sup>a</sup>		
Office of Online and Hybrid Learning and Innovation Schools	564,576		48,677 (0.5 FTE)		515,899 <sup>b</sup> (4.3 FTE)		
	<u>12,488,795</u>						

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the State Public School Fund created in Section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S., from federal mineral leasing revenues transferred to the State Public School Fund pursuant to Sections 22-54-114 (1) and 34-63-102, C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> This amount 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 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.

25,103,089

APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(7) STUDENT PATHWAYS</b>							
<b>(A) Health and Wellness</b>							
S.B. 97-101 Public School Health Services	188,112					188,112 <sup>a</sup> (1.4 FTE)	
Behavioral Health Care Professional Matching Grant Program	14,984,818				14,984,818 <sup>b</sup> (5.0 FTE)		
Mental Health Education Resource Bank and Technical Assistance	51,321		51,321 (0.6 FTE)				
S.B. 24-048 Substance use Disorders Recovery Grant Pilot Program	25,011		25,011 (0.2 FTE)				
Menstrual Hygiene Product Accessibility Grant Program	100,000		100,000 (0.2 FTE)				
	<u>15,349,262</u>						

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from Medicaid funds transferred from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing from the Education subdivision of the Transfers to Other State Department Medicaid-Funded Programs division.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

APPROPRIATION FROM

	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ITEM & SUBTOTAL	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(B) Office of Dropout Prevention and Student Reengagement</b>								
Dropout Prevention	2,005,329					2,005,329 <sup>a</sup> (1.0 FTE)		
Ninth Grade Success Grant Program	2,007,458					2,007,458 <sup>b</sup> (1.4 FTE)		
H.B. 22-1374 Support for Foster Care Students	72,316		72,316 (0.6 FTE)					
Educational Stability Grant	1,035,679		1,035,679 (3.0 FTE)					
H.B. 24-1216 Supports for Youth in Juvenile Justice System	92,362		92,362 (0.8 FTE)					
H.B. 24-1331 Out-of-School Time Grant Program	3,461,979		3,461,979 (1.4 FTE)					
H.B. 24-1403 Homeless Student Scholarship Program	26,632		26,632 (0.2 FTE)					
	<u>8,701,755</u>							

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> This amount 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 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.

APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(C) Career Readiness</b>							
Career Development Success Program <sup>15</sup>	9,521,670		9,521,670 (1.1 FTE)				
College and Career Readiness	369,125		369,125 (3.2 FTE)				
Concurrent Enrollment Expansion and Innovation Grant Program	1,476,948				1,476,948 <sup>a</sup>		
School Counselor Corps Grant Program	12,029,506				12,029,506 <sup>b</sup> (2.0 FTE)		
Fourth-year Innovation Pilot Program - Distributions to LEPs John W. Buckner Automatic Enrollment in Advanced Courses Grant Program	386,659		386,659				
Basic Skills Placement or Assessment Tests Federal Adult Education Support	247,914		247,914 (0.3 FTE)				
Adult Education and Literacy Grant Program	50,000				50,000 <sup>b</sup>		
	9,193,475						9,193,475 <sup>(1)</sup> (8.9 FTE)
	2,965,365		2,965,365 (2.3 FTE)				
	<u>36,240,662</u>						

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	60,291,679					
<b>(8) LIBRARY PROGRAMS</b>						
Administration	1,320,400	1,052,987 (11.8 FTE)		267,413 <sup>a</sup> (2.5 FTE)		
Federal Library Funding	3,544,534					3,544,534(I) (24.8 FTE)
Colorado Library Consortium	1,150,000	1,150,000				
Colorado Virtual Library	379,796	359,796		20,000 <sup>a</sup>		
Colorado Talking Book Library	354,001 (2.7 FTE)	96,146			257,855 <sup>b</sup>	
Reading Services for the Blind <sup>6</sup>	860,000				610,000 <sup>c</sup>	
State Grants to Publicly-Supported Libraries Program	2,997,485					
Indirect Cost Assessment	55,327					55,327(I)
	<u>10,661,543</u>					

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> 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 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.

<sup>a</sup> These amounts shall be from grants and donations.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from money appropriated from the Colorado Telephone Users with Disabilities Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for the Colorado Talking Book Library, pursuant to Section 40-17-104 (1)(b)(III), C.R.S.

APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(9) SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND</b>							
<b>(A) School Operations</b>							
Personal Services	14,635,354 (156.1 FTE)						
Early Intervention Services	1,446,524 (10.0 FTE)						
Shift Differential	75,298						
Operating Expenses	694,291						
Vehicle Lease Payments	45,211						
	39,333						
Utilities	745,981						
Allocation of State and Federal Categorical Program Funding	191,920 (0.4 FTE)						
Medicaid Reimbursements for Public School Health Services	450,776 (2.0 FTE)						
	<u>18,285,355</u>		15,780,872			2,504,483*	
	18,279,477		15,774,994				

\* Of this amount, \$1,826,787 shall be transferred from the State School Funding line item appropriation in the Student Learning section of this department, \$450,776 shall be transferred from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing from the Education subdivision of the Transfers to Other State Department Medicaid-Funded Programs division, \$191,920 shall be transferred from various line items in the School District Operations section of this department, and \$35,000 shall be transferred from the Appropriated Sponsored Programs line item appropriation in the School District Operations section of this department.

APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(B) Special Purpose</b>							
Fees and Conferences	120,000						
Outreach Services	1,000,000 (6.2 FTE)						
Tuition from Out-of-state Students	200,000						
Grants	1,000,000 (6.0 FTE)				1,070,000 <sup>a</sup>	1,250,000 <sup>b</sup>	
	<u>2,320,000</u>						

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$750,000 shall be from fees collected from school districts, boards of cooperative services, and private entities for the purposes of outreach services, \$200,000 shall be from tuition payments received from other states, and \$120,000 shall be from fees and charges for workshops and conferences.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from various sources of federal funds transferred from the School District Operations section of this department.

~~20,605,355~~  
20,599,477

**(10) CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE**

State Charter School							
Institute Administration, Oversight, and Management	5,000,000					5,000,000(I) <sup>a</sup> (11.7 FTE)	
Institute Charter School Assistance Fund	1,800,000			1,800,000 <sup>b</sup>			
Other Transfers to Institute Charter Schools	21,500,000					21,500,000(I) <sup>c</sup>	

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
Transfer of Federal Money to Institute Charter Schools	17,400,000				17,400,000(1) <sup>c</sup> (4.5 FTE)	
CSI Mill Levy Equalization	<del>54,592,279</del> 55,626,394	27,220,696		27,371,583 <sup>d</sup> 28,405,698 <sup>d</sup>		
Department Implementation of Section 22-30.5-501 et seq., C.R.S.	243,362				243,362 <sup>a</sup> (1.6 FTE)	
	<del>100,535,641</del> 101,569,756					
<b>TOTALS PART IV (EDUCATION)</b>	<del>\$7,756,003,663</del> <u>\$7,756,911,723</u>	<del>\$3,418,629,265</del> <u>\$3,418,351,086</u>	<del>\$1,292,968,309<sup>a</sup></del>	<del>\$2,139,481,573<sup>b</sup></del> <u>\$2,140,550,991<sup>b</sup></u>	<del>\$55,664,660<sup>c</sup></del> <u>\$55,686,930<sup>c</sup></u>	<del>\$849,259,856<sup>d</sup></del> <u>\$849,354,407<sup>d</sup></u>

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the General Fund Exempt Account created in Section 24-77-103.6 (2), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> Of this amount, ~~\$9,800,097~~ \$9,800,844 contains an (1) notation.

<sup>c</sup> Of this amount, \$43,900,000 contains an (1) notation.

<sup>d</sup> This amount contains an (1) notation.

<sup>a</sup> These amounts shall be transferred from the State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding line item appropriation in the School District Operations section of this department.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from the Institute Charter School Assistance Fund created in Section 22-30.5-515.5 (1)(a), C.R.S.

<sup>c</sup> These amounts shall be transferred from various line items in the School District Operations section of this department.

<sup>d</sup> This amount 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 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.

APPROPRIATION FROM

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

**FOOTNOTES --** The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

10 Department of Education, School District Operations, Public School Finance, State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding -- It is the General Assembly's intent that a portion of the amount appropriated for this line item, not to exceed \$200,000 for the 2025-26 state fiscal year, shall be transferred to the Legislative Council for the purpose of funding the biennial cost of living analysis pursuant to Section 22-54-104 (5)(c)(III)(B), C.R.S.

11 Department of Education, School District Operations, Public School Finance, Extended High School -- Pursuant to section 22-35-108.5 (2)(b)(II), C.R.S., the purpose of this footnote is to specify what portion of this appropriation is intended to be available for the Teacher Recruitment Education and Preparation (TREP) Program for the 2025-26 state fiscal year. It is the General Assembly's intent that the Department of Education be authorized to utilize up to \$2,620,000 of this appropriation to fund qualified students identified as TREP Program participants. This amount is calculated based on an estimated 250 FTE TREP Program participants funded at a rate of \$10,480 per FTE pursuant to section 22-54-204 (4.7), C.R.S.

12 Department of Education, School District Operations, Public School Capital Construction, Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board - Cash Grants -- This appropriation remains available until the completion of the project or the close of the 2027-28 state fiscal year, whichever comes first.

13 Department of Education, Student Learning, Early Literacy, Early Literacy Program Administration and Technical Support; Early Literacy Competitive Grant Program; Early Literacy Program Evidence Based Training Provided to Teachers; Early Literacy Program Per Pupil Intervention Program -- In addition to the transfer authority provided in Section 24-75-108, C.R.S., the Department is authorized to transfer up to \$1,500,000 cash funds from the Early Literacy Fund created in Section 22-7-1210 (1), C.R.S., among the line items designated with this footnote, except that the amount for Early Literacy Program Administration and Technical Support may be increased by no more than ten percent based on an assumption that the Department may require an additional 2.0 FTE.

14 Department of Education, Student Learning, Early Literacy, READ Act Targeted Training Initiative -- This appropriation remains available until the close of the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

15 Department of Education, Student Pathways, Career Readiness, Career Development Success Program -- It is the General Assembly's intent that \$200,000 of this appropriation be used for activities other than direct grants to school districts.

16 Department of Education, Library Programs, Reading Services for the Blind -- This appropriation is for the support of privately operated reading services for the blind, as authorized by section 24-90-105.5, C.R.S. It is the General Assembly's intent that \$615,000 of this appropriation be used to provide access to radio and television broadcasts of locally published and produced materials and \$245,000 of this appropriation be used to provide telephone access to digital transmissions of nationally published and produced materials.

**SECTION 2. Appropriation to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 20 of chapter 235, (HB 25-1278), amend (3) as follows:

**Section 20. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

(3) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$559,187 is appropriated to the department of education for use by school quality and support. This appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that the division will require an additional 3.4 FTE. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for accountability and improvement planning. OF THIS APPROPRIATION, UP TO \$485,910, IF NOT EXPENDED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2026, IS FURTHER APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2026-27 STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

**SECTION 3. Appropriation to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 12 of chapter 372, (SB 25-214), amend (1)(b) as follows:

**Section 12. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

(1) (b) The cash funds appropriation from ~~the state education fund created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution for school meal reimbursements is increased by \$8,119,271.~~ THE HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL PROGRAM FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-82.9-211 (2)(a), C.R.S., FOR SCHOOL MEAL REIMBURSEMENTS IS INCREASED BY \$35,617,302.

**SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.



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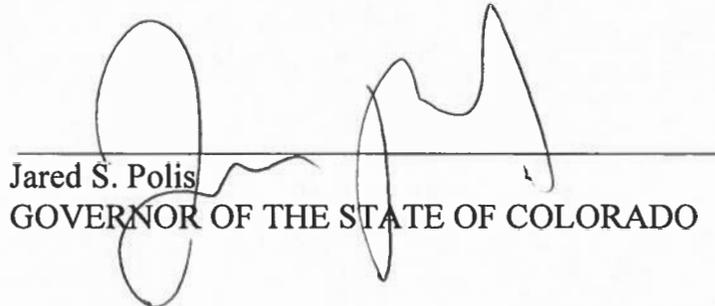


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