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HOUSE BILL 26-1354

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REPEALING A SCIENCE TEACHER PROFESSIONAL
102 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
103 REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.

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. For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, the general assembly appropriated \$3 million from the state education fund for a professional development program for science teachers (program). The money is available for expenditure through the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

The bill reduces the appropriation to \$1.5 million and repeals the program on July 1, 2027.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-146.8, **amend**
3 (4)(b); and **add** (5) as follows:

4 **22-2-146.8. Department of education - improving science**
5 **outcomes - teacher professional development - report - appropriation**
6 **- legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.**

7 (4) (b) ~~For the 2024-25 budget year, the general assembly shall~~
8 ~~appropriate three million dollars from the state education fund to the~~
9 ~~department. Any money appropriated pursuant to this section~~ FOR THE
10 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR that is not
11 expended prior to July 1, 2025, remains available for expenditure for the
12 same purpose in the 2026-27 budget year without further appropriation.
13 At the end of the 2026-27 budget year, the money that is unexpended or
14 unencumbered reverts to the state education fund.

15 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2024, **amend** section
17 3 of chapter 239 (HB 24-1446) as follows:

18 Section 3. **Appropriation.** For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,
19 ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the department of education for
20 use by student learning. This appropriation is from the state education
21 fund created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution. To
22 implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for
23 professional development for science teachers.

24 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate

1 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
2 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
3 institutions.