

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 7, 2026

Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1357 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 11, strike lines 10 and 11 and substitute:

APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	"SECTION 18. Appropriation to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. Amend as added by House Bill 26-1410 section 2, Part IV (3)(A),					
2	the affected totals, and footnote 13 as follows:					
3	Section 2. Appropriation.					
4	PART IV					
5	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION					
6						
7	(3) SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATIONS					
8	(A) Public School Finance					
9	Administration	2,645,074	2,380,153	264,921 ^a		
10			(17.1 FTE)	(1.5 FTE)		
11	Financial Transparency System					
12	Maintenance	97,731		97,731 ^a		
13				(1.0 FTE)		
14	School Finance Audit Payments	3,000,000		3,000,000 ^b		

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
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1	State Share of Districts' Total					
2	5,567,435,495		4,318,686,861 ^c	1,248,748,634 ^d		
3	5,567,516,191			1,248,829,330 ^d		
4	4,084,701			4,084,701 ^e		
5	2,381,251			2,381,251 ^a		
6	District Per Pupil					
7	Reimbursements for Juveniles					
8	10,000			10,000 ^b		
9	3,504,995			3,504,995 ^a		
10	1,000,000			1,000,000 ^e		
11	<u>5,581,777,996</u>					
12	5,580,155,242					
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14 ^a 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
15 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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 2 pursuant to Sections 22-54-114 (1) and 34-63-102 (5.4)(a)(II), C.R.S.

3 ^c Of this amount, \$1,334,183,145 shall be from the General Fund Exempt Account created in Section 24-77-103.6 (2), C.R.S.

4 ^d Of this amount, ~~\$1,010,525,540~~ \$1,010,606,236 shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4)(a) of Article IX of the State Constitution and \$238,223,094 shall be
 5 from the State Public School Fund created in Section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S. Of the amount appropriated from the State Education Fund, an estimated \$213,273,564 is from the Kids
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 7 the portion of the State Education Fund that is not the Kids Matter Account are not subject to the limitation on fiscal year spending set forth in Section 20 of Article X of the State
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9 ^e This amount shall be from the Contingency Reserve Fund created in Section 22-54-117 (1)(a), C.R.S.

12 **TOTALS PART IV**

13 (EDUCATION)		\$7,865,396,771	\$4,587,560,682 ^a	\$2,371,461,010 ^b	\$56,340,311 ^c	\$850,034,768 ^d
14		\$7,863,774,017		2,369,838,256 ^b		

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2 ^c Of this amount, \$43,900,000 contains an (I) notation.

3 ^d This amount contains an (I) notation.

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

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7 13 Department of Education, School District Operations, Public School Finance, Extended High School -- Pursuant to Section 22-35-108.5 (2)(b)(III), C.R.S.,
8 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
9 (TREP) Program for FY 2026-27. It is the General Assembly's intent that the Department of Education be authorized to utilize up to ~~\$2,680,250~~ \$976,800
10 of this appropriation to fund qualified students identified as TREP Program participants. This amount is calculated based on an estimated ~~250 FTE~~ 137.5 FTE
11 TREP Program participants funded at a rate of ~~\$10,721~~ \$7,104 per FTE pursuant to Section 22-54-103.5 (8), C.R.S., and Section 22-54-104 (4.7), C.R.S.

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9	At-risk Supplemental Aid	3,504,995		3,504,995 ^a		
10	Contingency Reserve Fund	1,000,000		1,000,000 ^c		
11		<u>5,581,777,996</u>				
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1 **SECTION 20. Effective date.** (1) Except as otherwise provided
2 in this section, this act takes effect upon passage.

3 (2) Sections 4 to 17 of this act take effect July 1, 2027.

4 (3) Section 18 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 26-1410
5 becomes law and House Bill 26-1364 does not become law, in which
6 case section 18 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or House
7 Bill 26-1410, whichever is later.

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9 and House Bill 26-1410 become law in which case section 19 takes
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11 Bill 26-1410, whichever is later."

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13 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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15 Page 1, line 102, strike "**PROGRAM.**" and substitute "**PROGRAM, AND, IN**
16 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN**
17 **APPROPRIATION.**".

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