

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

May 12, 2026
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

SB26-080 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, after line 13, insert:
 - 2 "(7) "HIGH-QUALITY" MEANS EVIDENCE-BASED OR
 - 3 EVIDENCE-INFORMED."
- 4 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 5 Page 6, line 1, strike "LEVERAGING" and substitute "MATCHING".
- 6 Page 7, line 24, strike "AND".
- 7 Page 7, line 27, strike "OPPORTUNITIES." and substitute "OPPORTUNITIES;
8 (V) THAT THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEMONSTRATES EVIDENCE OF
9 IMPACT WITH RESPECT TO THE TYPE OF PROGRAMMING OR SERVICES THAT
10 THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY PROPOSES TO PROVIDE WITH A GRANT AWARD; AND
11 (VI) THAT THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY HAS, WITH A SUCCESSFUL TRACK
12 RECORD, BEEN SERVING THE DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA FOR AT LEAST
13 THREE YEARS."
- 14 page 9, line 20, strike "AND".
- 15 Page 9, line 21, after "EXPERTISE" insert "AND EXPERIENCE".
- 16 Page 9, line 22, strike "INITIATIVES." and substitute "INITIATIVES;
17 (D) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE
18 ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS LICENSED TEACHERS; AND
19 (E) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE
20 ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING SCHOOL EXECUTIVES."

- 1 Page 9, line 23, strike "APPOINT A MEMBER" and substitute "APPOINT:"
- 2 Page 9, strike line 24 and substitute:
- 3 "(A) ONE MEMBER WHO, AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT, HAS BEEN
4 SERVING IN A".
- 5 Page 10, line 1, strike "STRATEGY." and substitute "STRATEGY;
6 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
7 REPRESENTING LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS;
8 (C) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS PROVIDERS OF DIRECT
9 SERVICES TO LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS; AND
10 (D) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN
11 ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS RURAL LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS.".
- 12 Page 10, line 4, strike "ISSUES." and substitute "ISSUES AND A
13 REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS
14 PARENTS.
15 (IV) THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR
16 THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE.".
- 17 Page 10, line 8, after "MEMBERSHIP." insert "A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL
18 MUST BE A COLORADO RESIDENT AND MUST NOT BE A GRANTOR OR DONOR
19 WHOSE GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS ARE CREDITED TO THE FUND
20 PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-25-107.".
- 21 Page 11, line 26, after "ENTITIES" insert "WITH ESTABLISHED TIES TO THE
22 COMMUNITY".
- 23 Page 13, line 21, strike "TWO" and substitute "THREE".
- 24 Page 13, line 22, after "ARTICLE 25." insert "THE STATE DEPARTMENT
25 SHALL NOT AWARD MORE THAN FORTY-NINE PERCENT OF AVAILABLE
26 GRANT PROGRAM MONEY PURSUANT TO A SINGLE APPLICATION, WHETHER
27 COMPLETED JOINTLY, COLLABORATIVELY, OR BY A SINGLE ELIGIBLE
28 ENTITY.".
- 29 Page 16, line 12, strike "LEVERAGING" and substitute "MATCHING".
- 30 Page 17, after line 27 insert:
- 31 "(6) (a) IF, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2028, THE MONEY IN THE

1 FUND HAS NEVER REACHED OR EXCEEDED NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND
2 DOLLARS, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL RETURN FROM THE FUND TO THE
3 GRANTOR OR DONOR THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANTOR'S OR DONOR'S GIFTS,
4 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS AND, NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS
5 SECTION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ACCEPT ADDITIONAL GIFTS,
6 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25.

7 (b) IF ANY MONEY REMAINS IN THE FUND AFTER THE STATE
8 TREASURER RETURNS MONEY TO DONORS OR GRANTORS PURSUANT TO
9 SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AS APPLICABLE, THE STATE
10 TREASURER SHALL, PRIOR TO THE REPEAL OF THE FUND, TRANSFER ALL
11 UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE GENERAL
12 FUND."

13 Page 18, line 5, strike "RECEIVES" and substitute "RECEIVES, ON OR
14 BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2028,".

15 Page 18, strike lines 16 through 18 and substitute:
16 "(2) THIS ARTICLE 25 AND SECTION 24-34-104 (34)(a)(XIV) ARE
17 REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2029; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE CONDITION
18 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION OCCURS:
19 (a) SECTION 24-34-104 (34)(a)(XIV) IS NOT REPEALED PURSUANT
20 TO THIS SUBSECTION (2);
21 (b) THIS ARTICLE 25 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2033;
22 AND
23 (c) BEFORE THE REPEAL OCCURS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b)
24 OF THIS SECTION, THIS ARTICLE 25 IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN
25 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104."

** ** ** ** **