

CHAPTER 277

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 26-1358

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Brown and Taggart, Sirota;
also SENATOR(S) Amabile and Kirkmeyer, Bridges.

AN ACT

**CONCERNING REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COLORADO ACADEMIC ACCELERATOR
GRANT PROGRAM.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-146.6, **amend** (9) as follows:

22-2-146.6. Colorado academic accelerator grant program - report - rules - definitions - repeal.

(9) (a) ~~For the 2023-24 budget year, the general assembly shall appropriate twenty-four million five hundred thousand dollars to the department. The department shall have~~ HAS the authority to spend funds APPROPRIATED FOR THE 2023-24 BUDGET YEAR continuously through the 2026-27 budget year for the purposes of this section. Any unexpended funds that remain at the end of the 2026-27 budget year revert back to the general fund.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (9) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2027.

SECTION 2. In Session Laws of Colorado 2023, **amend** section 15 introductory portion and section 15(b) of chapter 190 (HB 23-1231) as follows:

Section 15. **Appropriation.** For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, ~~\$26,694,530~~ \$21,494,530 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(b) ~~\$24,500,000~~ \$19,300,000 for the Colorado academic accelerator grant program, which amount is based on an assumption that the department will require an additional 2.6 FTE; and

SECTION 3. 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.

Approved: June 1, 2026