SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

April 11, 2019
Chair of Committee Date
Committee on Education.

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

SB19-204 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 12, strike "AND".

2 Page 3, after line 12 insert:
3 "(c) PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN COLORADO HAVE
4 ALSO BEGUN EXPERIMENTING WITH ADDITIONAL MEASURES OF COLLEGE
5 AND CAREER READINESS; AND".

6 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

7 Page 3, line 26, strike "REDUCE" and substitute "ELIMINATE".

8 Page 4, line 7, strike "VALIDITY AND".

9 Page 4, line 8, strike "CREDIBILITY OF THE".

10 Page 4, line 9, strike "CREATION" and substitute "DEVELOPMENT".

11 Page 4, line 10, strike "SYSTEMS." and substitute "SYSTEMS THAT MAY
12 INFORM THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOL
13 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.".

14 Page 4, strike lines 14 through 18 and substitute "PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF
15 HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A PRIVATE NONPROFIT ENTITY, THAT WORKS WITH
16 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO IMPLEMENT EDUCATION POLICY
17 INITIATIVES AND THAT HAS DEMONSTRATED EFFECTIVENESS IN PROVIDING
SUPPORT TO LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE
SUPPORT THE INSTITUTION OR ENTITY PROVIDES IN THE PARTNERSHIP,
WHICH MAY INCLUDE SUPPORT".

Page 4, line 19, strike "EXPERIENCE".

Page 5, line 15, after the period insert "A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL MAY
CHOOSE, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED, TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE AUTHORIZING
SCHOOL DISTRICT IN AN APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.".

Page 5, line 21, after "REFLECT" insert "CHANGES IN" and strike
"DISPOSITIONS" and substitute "MINDSETS.".

Page 5, line 22, strike "TOWARD LEARNING.".

Page 7, after line 6 insert:
"(c) If a group of local education providers is submitting
the application, identification of each of the local education
providers that has voluntarily chosen to participate in the
application;".

Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

Page 7, line 9, strike "COMMUNITY" and substitute "COMMUNITY,
INCLUDING FAMILIES,".

Page 7, line 10, strike "IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING" and substitute
"TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT".

Page 8, line 8, strike "PROVIDERS WITHIN THE STATE;" and substitute
"PROVIDERS;".

Page 8, line 15, after the comma insert "OR IF THE DEPARTMENT
IDENTIFIES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AMONG THE
GRANT APPLICANTS,".

Page 8, line 18, after "(5)" insert "(a)".

Page 8, after line 25 insert:
"(b) The amount of a grant awarded pursuant to this
section must be at least twenty-five thousand dollars per
BUDGET YEAR BUT MUST NOT EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER BUDGET YEAR FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO A SINGLE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER AND MUST NOT EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER BUDGET YEAR FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO A GROUP OF LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT OVER THREE BUDGET YEARS.

(c) If the number of applications exceeds the amount appropriated for the grant program pursuant to subsection (6) of this section, the department in making recommendations and the state board in selecting recipients shall:

(I) Ensure that at least one recipient is a local education provider or group of local education providers that are rural school districts, as defined in section 22-7-1211, boards of cooperative services that consist of rural school districts, or charter schools that are located within rural school districts;

(II) Prioritize applicants that demonstrate a previous commitment of staff and resources toward development of a local accountability system;

(III) Recommend and select the grant recipients so as to distribute funding to a broad scope of projects located throughout the state; and

(IV) When appropriate, encourage applicants to work together toward shared goals.

Page 9, line 2, after the period add "Any unexpended and unencumbered money from an appropriation made for the purposes of this section remains available for expenditure by the department for the purposes of this section in the following fiscal year without further appropriation. In addition, the department may accept gifts, grants, or donations from private or public sources for the purposes of this section; except that the department may not accept a gift, grant, or donation that is subject to conditions that are inconsistent with this section or any other law of the state. This section does not require the department to solicit money for implementation of this section.".

Page 9, line 9, after the period insert "A district charter school is not required to participate in the authorizing school district's supplemental accountability system or in related reporting unless the charter school chooses to participate with the authorizing school district in a grant application pursuant to
SECTION 22-11-703.

Page 11, line 19, strike "SYSTEMS AND" and substitute "SYSTEMS,"

Page 11, line 20, after "ANY," insert "AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE INVOLVED IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS"

Page 12, line 12, strike "PROVIDERS" and substitute "PROVIDERS, INCLUDING INPUT SOLICITED FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS,"

Page 12, strike lines 14 and 15 and substitute "SYSTEM IN MEASURING THE QUALITY OF THE EDUCATION PROVIDED BY THE"

Page 12, line 17, strike "SYSTEM;" and substitute "SYSTEM. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR EACH LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM, IN REPORTING PERFORMANCE ON ADDITIONAL MEASURES AND LOCAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISAGGREGATE THE PERFORMANCE RESULTS BY GRADE LEVEL AND BY STUDENT GROUP, APPLYING THE SAME EXCLUSIONS THAT APPLY TO REPORTING PERFORMANCE RESULTS ON THE STATE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS,"

Page 12, line 21, strike "LEGISLATION" and substitute "CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES, STATE BOARD RULES, OR STATUTE"

Page 13, after line 6, insert:

"(5) (a) In the third year of the grant program, the department shall contract with an external evaluator, which may be a state institution of higher education, to prepare a summary evaluation report of the implementation of the local accountability systems that receive grants. The evaluation must, at a minimum, include an evaluation of the success of each local accountability system in evaluating student success and the processes for ensuring a cycle of continuous improvement within the public schools of the participating local education providers. At the annual meeting held pursuant to subsection (1) of this section at the end of the first year of the grant program, the department, participating local education providers, and the accountability system partners shall identify the goals, tools, and measures to be addressed by the summary evaluation report. The data used for the summary evaluation report must
INCLUDE QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE MEASURES.

(b) FOR PURPOSES OF THE SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT, THE
DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE EXTERNAL EVALUATOR
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SCORES ATTAINED BY STUDENTS
ENROLLED BY THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS ON THE
STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION
22-7-1006.3 AND INFORMATION CONCERNING STUDENT LONGITUDINAL
ACADEMIC GROWTH, STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, AND STUDENT
ACADEMIC GROWTH TO STANDARDS FOR THE STUDENTS ENROLLED BY THE
PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
PROVIDE THE INFORMATION IN THE AGGREGATE BY GRADE LEVEL AND
DISAGGREGATED BY STUDENT GROUP, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-11-103,
COMPARED TO SCORES ATTAINED IN PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEARS AND
COMPARED TO THE STATE AVERAGE SCORES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO THE EXTERNAL EVALUATOR ONLY TO THE
EXTENT ALLOWABLE UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAW. EACH LOCAL
EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL
PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY DATA FOR PURPOSES OF THE SUMMARY
EVALUATION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION
THAT IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(c) BEGINNING WITH THE REPORT THAT IS SUBMITTED ON OR
BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2023, AND FOR EACH REPORT SUBMITTED
THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT
DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION THE SUMMARY
EVALUATION REPORT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5).

(d) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
OR DONATIONS, TO PAY THE COSTS INCURRED IN PREPARING THE SUMMARY
EVALUATION REPORT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5).".

Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

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