

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

May 20, 2021

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Education.

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

SB21-185 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 30, after line 25 insert:
2 "SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-20-141 as
3 follows:
4 **23-20-141. Educator well-being and mental health program -**
5 **reporting - repeal.** (1) THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HEALTH SCIENCES
6 CENTER SHALL ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AN EDUCATOR WELL-BEING AND
7 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
8 EDUCATORS SERVING STUDENTS IN COLORADO'S PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
9 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.
10 (2) THE SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH THE EDUCATOR
11 WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT
12 LIMITED TO:
13 (a) A HOTLINE SERVICE FOR EDUCATORS, PROVIDING DAILY
14 TELEPHONE AND TEXT ACCESS;
15 (b) STAFFED SUPPORT GROUPS; AND
16 (c) TRAINING AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS THAT
17 FOCUS ON COPING WITH STRESS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE DURING THE
18 COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RECOVERY FROM THE PANDEMIC.
19 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ENTER INTO
20 A LIMITED PURPOSE FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF
21 COLORADO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-18-308
22 TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING FOR THE EDUCATOR WELL-BEING AND
23 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO SUPPLEMENT OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING.
24 (4) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE

1 NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
2 HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF HIGHER EDUCATION CONCERNING THE USE OF STATE FUNDING FOR THE
4 EDUCATOR WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM, INCLUDING
5 INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF EDUCATORS SERVED, THE SERVICES
6 PROVIDED, FUNDING RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES, AND OTHER
7 RELEVANT DATA AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
8 PROGRAM AND PROGRAM OUTCOMES.

9 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

10 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-18-308, **add**
11 (1)(h) as follows:

12 **23-18-308. Fee-for-service contracts - limited purpose - repeal.**

13 (1) Subject to available appropriations, the department shall enter into
14 fee-for-service contracts for the following purposes:

15 (h) (I) THE EDUCATOR WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH
16 PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-20-141.

17 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(h) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

18 **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-103, **add** (9)
19 as follows:

20 **23-3.3-103. Annual appropriations - repeal.** (9) (a) THE
21 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION CONCERNING
22 APPROPRIATIONS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS
23 ARTICLE 3.3 DO NOT APPLY TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO
24 SECTIONS 23-18-308 (1)(h) AND 23-20-141 FOR THE EDUCATOR
25 WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM.

26 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (9) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026."

27 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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