

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

April 30, 2021

Committee on Appropriations.

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 of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:

1 Amend the Education Committee Report, dated March 31, 2021, page 2,
2 line 20, strike "22-35-108." and substitute "22-35-108. FOR THE
3 2022-23 BUDGET YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE
4 FUNDING FOR NO MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TREP PROGRAM
5 PARTICIPANTS.".

6 Page 4 of the Committee Report, strike line 5 and substitute:

7 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-94-101,
8 **amend** the introductory portion and (3) as follows:

9 **22-94-101. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 94, unless
10 the context otherwise requires:

11 (3) ~~"Highly qualified" has the same meaning as provided in 20~~
12 ~~U.S.C. sec. 7801(23)~~ "LICENSED TEACHER" MEANS A TEACHER LICENSED
13 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF THIS TITLE 22.

14 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-94-102, **amend**
15 (1), (2) introductory portion, (2)(a), (2)(b), (2)(c), and (3) as follows:

16 **22-94-102. Contract to create quality teacher recruitment**
17 **program.** (1) The department shall contract with a vendor, in partnership
18 with a district, to create a quality teacher recruitment program to recruit,
19 select, train, and retain ~~highly qualified~~ LICENSED teachers to teach in
20 public schools and in school districts in the state that can demonstrate a
21 historic difficulty in recruiting and retaining ~~highly qualified~~ LICENSED

1 teachers. In contracting with a vendor in partnership with a district, the
2 department shall ensure that the vendor will place ~~highly qualified~~
3 LICENSED teachers in the district by the beginning of the 2014-15 school
4 year.

5 (2) In awarding a contract pursuant to subsection (1) of this
6 section, the department shall take into consideration the number of
7 districts in which the vendor will place ~~highly qualified~~ LICENSED
8 teachers, the number of ~~highly qualified~~ LICENSED teachers that the
9 vendor will place, and the potential number of children who will be
10 taught by the ~~highly qualified~~ LICENSED teachers. The department shall
11 ensure that it awards the contract to one or more vendors that satisfy the
12 following criteria:

13 (a) The vendor commits to working with one or more school
14 districts in the state for at least two years to recruit and place ~~highly~~
15 ~~qualified~~ LICENSED teachers;

16 (b) The vendor has a documented history of recruiting, training,
17 and retaining ~~highly qualified~~ LICENSED teachers in areas of Colorado or
18 other states that have had historic difficulty in recruiting and retaining
19 ~~highly qualified teachers~~; LICENSED TEACHERS, INCLUDING AREAS WITH
20 EDUCATOR SHORTAGES CAUSED BY GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS OR
21 CONTENT AREAS;

22 (c) The vendor commits to placing only teachers who are ~~deemed~~
23 ~~highly qualified~~ LICENSED;

24 (3) The vendor with which the department contracts to operate a
25 program pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 94 shall use any ~~moneys~~ MONEY
26 paid to the vendor in connection with the contract to recruit, train, and
27 place ~~highly qualified~~ LICENSED teachers to teach in public schools or
28 school districts in Colorado that have had historic difficulty in recruiting
29 and retaining ~~highly qualified~~ LICENSED teachers. The vendor shall
30 provide the necessary administrative services to operate the program and
31 shall not use any state ~~moneys~~ MONEY for these purposes.

32 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-102, **add**".

33 Amend printed bill, page 17, strike lines 14 through 22 and substitute:

34 "(a) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS REACHED THROUGH PROGRAM
35 COMMUNICATIONS;

36 (b) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS;

37 (c) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF QUALIFIED PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS;

38 (d) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DISTRIBUTED;

39 (e) THE NUMBER OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE CERTIFICATES



1 AWARDED THROUGH THE PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-60.3-202;
2 (f) THE COMPLETION RATE FOR PARTICIPATING EDUCATOR
3 PREPARATION PROGRAMS;
4 (g) A SUMMARY OF DATA COLLECTED FROM THE QUALIFIED
5 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND EMPLOYING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS
6 CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM; AND
7 (h) RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, FOR LEGISLATIVE OR
8 REGULATORY CHANGES TO FACILITATE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION
9 OF THE PROGRAM."

10 Page 26 of the bill, after line 16 insert:

11 **"SECTION 23. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal
12 year, \$9,132,856 is appropriated to the department of education. This
13 appropriation is from the general fund To implement this act, the
14 department may use this appropriation as follows:

15 (a) \$1,087,310 for educator effectiveness unit administration,
16 which amount is based on an assumption that the department will require
17 an additional 3.8 FTE;

18 (b) \$45,546 for the teacher recruitment and preparation program,
19 which amount is based on an assumption that the department will require
20 an additional 0.5 FTE;

21 (c) \$5,000,000 for financial assistance provided through the
22 educator recruitment and retention program; and

23 (d) \$3,000,000 for the quality teacher recruitment program.

24 (2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$64,023 is appropriated to
25 the department of higher education. This appropriation is from the general
26 fund and is based on an assumption that the department will require an
27 additional 1.0 FTE. To implement this act, the department may use this
28 appropriation for administration related to the Colorado commission on
29 higher education and higher education special purpose programs.

30 (3) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$2,500,000 is appropriated
31 to the educator loan forgiveness fund created in section 23-3.9-102 (1)(b),
32 C.R.S. This appropriation is from the general fund. The department of
33 higher education is responsible for the accounting related to this
34 appropriation.

35 (4) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$398,963 is appropriated to
36 the department of higher education. This appropriation is from the general
37 fund and is based on the assumption that the department will require an
38 additional 0.5 FTE. To implement this act, the department may use this
39 appropriation for educator loan forgiveness program administration. This



- 1 amount remains available until the close of the 2025-26 state fiscal year."
- 2 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.
- 3 Page 1 of the bill, line 102, strike "COLORADO." and substitute
- 4 "COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN
- 5 APPROPRIATION."

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