

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 31, 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 printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-102, add
3 (16.5) as follows:

4 **22-60.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 60.5, unless the
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (16.5) "RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN
7 COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS RURAL,
8 BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE
9 DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE,
10 URBANIZED AREA, AND THE TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT IS SIX
11 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS OR FEWER STUDENTS."

12 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

13 Page 4, line 18, after "TEACHER." insert "NOTWITHSTANDING THIS
14 SUBSECTION (c), A RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY EMPLOY A PERSON WHO
15 HOLDS AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR AUTHORIZATION AS A FULL-TIME
16 TEACHER ONLY IF THERE ARE NO QUALIFIED, LICENSED APPLICANTS FOR
17 THE POSITION."

18 Page 6, line 8, strike "BOARD," and substitute "DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
19 EDUCATION,".

1 Page 6, line 9, strike "EDUCATION" and substitute "EDUCATION, THE
2 BOARD,".

3 Page 6, line 17, after "PATHWAY." add "THE BOARD SHALL APPROVE ALL
4 PATHWAYS THAT BEGIN IN MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL.".

5 Page 6, line 18, strike "DESIGNED BY THE BOARD".

6 Page 7, strike lines 9 through 13 and substitute:

7 "(3) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DIRECT EACH SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT TO PUBLICIZE THE TEACHING CAREER PATHWAY ON ITS WEBSITE
9 AND SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL
10 DIRECT EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS AND FOUR-YEAR
11 INSTITUTIONAL CAMPUS TO PUBLICIZE THE TEACHING CAREER PATHWAY
12 ON ITS WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA.".

13 Page 8, line 2, strike "EDUCATION," and substitute "EDUCATOR
14 PREPARATION PROGRAMS,".

15 Page 8, line 7, after "POSTSECONDARY" insert "EDUCATOR PREPARATION".

16 Page 9, after line 11 insert:

17 "(II) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY FUND EACH
18 POTENTIAL TREP PROGRAM PARTICIPANT AT THE SAME PER-PUPIL RATE
19 AS DETERMINED BY THE ASCENT PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION
20 22-35-108.".

21 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

22 Page 11, line 16, strike "TITLE 22 CONCERNING" and substitute "TITLE 22
23 CONCERNING".

24 Page 11, after line 19 insert:

25 "(7) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2031, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
26 PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE
27 AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, A
28 REPORT, BASED ON THE COMPILED ANNUAL REPORTS DESCRIBED IN
29 SECTION 22-35-112, CONCERNING THE OUTCOMES ACHIEVED BY THE TREP

1 PROGRAM AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TREP PROGRAM IN MEETING
2 THE OBJECTIVES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-35-108.5 (1). BASED ON THE
3 OUTCOMES ACHIEVED AND THE EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS, THE
4 DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT A RECOMMENDATION AS TO
5 WHETHER THE TREP PROGRAM SHOULD BE CONTINUED, AMENDED, OR
6 REPEALED."

7 Page 13, line 2, strike "AREA." and substitute "AREA, AND THE TOTAL
8 STUDENT ENROLLMENT IS SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS OR
9 FEWER STUDENTS."

10 Page 13, strike lines 6 through 8 and substitute:

11 "(9) "SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT
12 IN COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON
13 THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT
15 ENROLLS FEWER THAN ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS IN PRE-KINDERGARTEN
16 THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE."

17 Page 15, line 24, after "DISTRICT." add "IF AN APPLICANT DOES NOT
18 FULFILL THE SERVICE CONDITION OF THE PROGRAM, THE APPLICANT SHALL
19 REPAY THE AWARDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT IN
20 ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD."

21 Page 16, line 19, strike "VOCATIONAL" and substitute "CAREER".

22 Page 16, line 20, strike "TEACHER" and substitute "EDUCATION".

23 Page 16, line 23, strike "VOCATIONAL" and substitute "CAREER".

24 Page 18, after line 2 insert:

25 "(3) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2031, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
26 PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE
27 AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, A
28 REPORT, BASED ON THE COMPILED ANNUAL REPORTS DESCRIBED IN
29 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, CONCERNING THE OUTCOMES ACHIEVED
30 BY THE PROGRAM AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM IN MEETING
31 THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-60.3-202 (2).
32 BASED ON THE OUTCOMES ACHIEVED AND THE EVALUATION OF

1 EFFECTIVENESS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT A
2 RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE
3 CONTINUED, AMENDED, OR REPEALED."

4 Page 25, after line 27 insert:

5 "SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-102, add
6 (1)(d) as follows:

7 **23-3.9-102. Educator loan forgiveness program -**
8 **administration - fund - eligibility.** (1) (d) IN APPROVING APPLICATIONS
9 FOR EACH GROUP OF APPLICANTS IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS (1)(c)(I),
10 (1)(c)(II), AND (1)(c)(III) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

11 (I) CONSIDER FIRST THOSE APPLICANTS WHO HOLD EDUCATOR
12 LICENSES ISSUED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22 AND PRIORITIZE
13 THE APPROVAL OF THOSE APPLICATIONS BASED ON THE LENGTH OF TIME
14 EACH APPLICANT HAS BEEN EMPLOYED UNDER THE LICENSE, BEGINNING
15 WITH THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED THE LONGEST; AND

16 (II) CONSIDER SECOND THOSE APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT HOLD
17 EDUCATOR LICENSES ISSUED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22 AND
18 PRIORITIZE THE APPROVAL OF THOSE APPLICATIONS BASED ON THE LENGTH
19 OF TIME THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS AN EDUCATOR."

20 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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