

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 5, 2025
Date

Committee on Education.

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

SB25-064 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(1.5)" and substitute "(1.5),
2 (2.5), and (5)".

3 Page 2, after line 16 insert:

4 "(2.5) "LARGE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL
5 DISTRICT IN COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
6 DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE DISTRICT
7 AND THE DISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE,
8 URBANIZED AREA, THAT HAD A FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR THE PRIOR
9 BUDGET YEAR OF ONE THOUSAND PUPILS OR MORE BUT FEWER THAN SIX
10 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PUPILS.

11 (5) "SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT
12 IN COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS
13 RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE DISTRICT AND THE
14 DISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA,
15 THAT HAD A FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR THE PRIOR BUDGET YEAR OF FEWER
16 THAN ONE THOUSAND PUPILS."

17 Page 2, line 20, strike "BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR, THE"
18 and substitute "THE".

19 Page 2, line 22, strike "EXPERIENCE." and substitute "EXPERIENCE:

20 (I) BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR, FOR STUDENTS
21 ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL IN A SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT;

22 (II) BEGINNING WITH THE 2027-28 SCHOOL YEAR, FOR STUDENTS
23 ENROLLED IN A SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A LARGE RURAL
24 SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND

25 (III) BEGINNING WITH THE 2028-29 SCHOOL YEAR, FOR STUDENTS

1 ENROLLED IN ANY SCHOOL STATEWIDE."

2 Page 3, line 1, strike "SHALL" and substitute "MAY, SUBJECT TO
3 CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS, EITHER".

4 Page 3, strike line 3 and substitute "THE INCIDENT OR PROVIDE
5 INFORMATION TO THE CHILD'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN ABOUT HOW TO
6 INFORM THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE PROGRAM."

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