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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING FINANCING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND, IN CONNECTION**
102 **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill sets the statewide base per pupil funding amount for the 2017-18 budget year at \$6,546.20, which is an inflationary increase of 2.8%, and establishes the minimum amount of total program funding for the 2017-18 budget year.

The bill requires that the sum of the total program funding for all schools for the 2017-18 budget year is not less than \$6,585,800,182.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-104, **amend**
3 (5)(g)(I) introductory portion; and **add** (5)(a)(XXIV) and (5)(g)(I)(H) as
4 follows:

5 **22-54-104. District total program - definitions.** (5) For
6 purposes of the formulas used in this section:

7 (a) (XXIV) FOR THE 2017-18 BUDGET YEAR, THE STATEWIDE BASE
8 PER PUPIL FUNDING IS \$6,546.20, WHICH IS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO
9 \$6,367.90, SUPPLEMENTED BY \$178.30 TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION.

10 (g) (I) For the 2010-11 budget year and each budget year
11 thereafter, the general assembly determines that stabilization of the state
12 budget requires a reduction in the amount of the annual appropriation to
13 fund the state's share of total program funding for all districts and the
14 funding for institute charter schools. The department of education shall
15 implement the reduction in total program funding through the application
16 of a negative factor as provided in this ~~paragraph (g)~~ SUBSECTION
17 (5)(g)(I). For the 2010-11 budget year and each budget year thereafter, the
18 department of education and the staff of the legislative council shall
19 determine, based on budget projections, the amount of such reduction to
20 ensure the following:

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22 (H) THAT, FOR THE 2017-18 BUDGET YEAR, THE SUM OF THE TOTAL
23 PROGRAM FUNDING FOR ALL DISTRICTS, INCLUDING THE FUNDING FOR
24 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS, AFTER APPLICATION OF THE BUDGET
25 STABILIZATION FACTOR, IS NOT LESS THAN SIX BILLION SIX HUNDRED
26 THIRTY-FOUR MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED

1 EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$6,634,600,182); EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF EDUCATION AND THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL MAKE
3 MID-YEAR REVISIONS TO REPLACE PROJECTIONS WITH ACTUAL FIGURES,
4 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACTUAL PUPIL ENROLLMENT, ASSESSED
5 VALUATIONS, AND SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAX REVENUE FROM THE PRIOR
6 YEAR, TO DETERMINE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE AMOUNT OF THE
7 REDUCTION TO MAINTAIN A TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AMOUNT FOR THE
8 APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBSECTION
9 (5)(g)(I)(H). FOR THE 2018-19 BUDGET YEAR, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
10 CALCULATED STATEWIDE TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AND ACTUAL
11 STATEWIDE TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING MUST NOT EXCEED THE DIFFERENCE
12 BETWEEN CALCULATED STATEWIDE TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AND
13 ACTUAL STATEWIDE TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE 2017-18 BUDGET
14 YEAR.

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16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-45-103, amend
17 (1) introductory portion and (1)(k) as follows:

18 **22-45-103. Funds.** (1) The following funds are created for each
19 school district for purposes specified in this article ARTICLE 45:

20 **(k) Total program reserve fund.** A school district shall deposit
21 the property tax revenues that it collects from a tax levy imposed pursuant
22 to section 22-54-107 (5) in the total program reserve fund of the district.
23 The district may expend money from the total program reserve fund only
24 to offset the amount of a reduction in the district's state share caused by
25 application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR
26 pursuant to section 22-54-104 (5)(g); except that, in a budget year in
27 which the school district levies for its total program the number of mills

1 calculated pursuant to section 22-54-106 (2)(a)(II), if the balance of the
2 total program reserve fund exceeds an amount equal to the district's total
3 program for that budget year multiplied by the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
4 STABILIZATION FACTOR calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104 (5)(g)
5 for that budget year, the district may expend the amount of the excess
6 balance. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year must
7 remain in the fund and may be used in future years only as provided in
8 this paragraph (k) SUBSECTION (1)(k).

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-104, amend
10 (4.5)(c)(III) introductory portion, (4.7)(c) introductory portion, (5)(g)(I)
11 introductory portion, (5)(g)(I)(B), (5)(g)(I)(C), (5)(g)(I)(D), (5)(g)(I)(E),
12 (5)(g)(I)(F), (5)(g)(I)(G), (5)(g)(II)(A), (5)(g)(II)(B), (5)(g)(VII)
13 introductory portion, (5)(g)(VII)(A), and (5)(g)(VII)(B) as follows:

14 **22-54-104. District total program - definitions.** (4.5) A district's
15 online funding shall be determined in accordance with the following
16 formulas:

17 (c) (III) In any budget year in which the provisions of paragraph
18 (g) of subsection (5) SUBSECTION (5)(g) of this section apply, the
19 department of education shall calculate a district's reduction amount for
20 online funding by multiplying the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET STABILIZATION
21 FACTOR calculated for the applicable budget year pursuant to
22 sub-subparagraph (A) of subparagraph (II) of paragraph (g) of subsection
23 (5) SUBSECTION (5)(g)(II)(A) of this section by the district's online
24 funding calculated pursuant to subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (c)
25 SUBSECTION (4.5)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION for the applicable budget year.
26 A district's online funding for the applicable budget year shall be the
27 greater of:

1 (4.7) (c) In any budget year in which the provisions of paragraph
2 (g) of subsection (5) SUBSECTION (5)(g) of this section apply, the
3 department of education shall calculate a district's reduction amount for
4 extended high school funding by multiplying the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
5 STABILIZATION FACTOR calculated for the applicable budget year pursuant
6 to sub-subparagraph (A) of subparagraph (II) of paragraph (g) of
7 subsection (5) SUBSECTION (5)(g)(II)(A) of this section by the amount of
8 the district's extended high school funding calculated pursuant to
9 paragraph (b) of this subsection (4.7) SUBSECTION (4.7)(b) OF THIS
10 SECTION for the applicable budget year. A district's extended high school
11 funding for the applicable budget year shall be the greater of:

12 (5) For purposes of the formulas used in this section:

13 (g) (I) For the 2010-11 budget year and each budget year
14 thereafter, the general assembly determines that stabilization of the state
15 budget requires a reduction in the amount of the annual appropriation to
16 fund the state's share of total program funding for all districts and the
17 funding for institute charter schools. The department of education shall
18 implement the reduction in total program funding through the application
19 of a ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR as provided in this
20 paragraph (g) SUBSECTION (5)(g). For the 2010-11 budget year and each
21 budget year thereafter, the department of education and the staff of the
22 legislative council shall determine, based on budget projections, the
23 amount of such reduction to ensure the following:

24 (B) That, for the 2011-12 budget year, the sum of the total
25 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
26 charter schools, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
27 STABILIZATION FACTOR, is not less than five billion two hundred

1 twenty-nine million five hundred sixty thousand three hundred forty-six
2 dollars (\$5,229,560,346); except that the department of education and the
3 staff of the legislative council shall make mid-year revisions to replace
4 projections with actual figures including, but not limited to, actual pupil
5 enrollment, assessed valuations, and specific ownership tax revenue from
6 the prior year, to determine any necessary changes in the amount of the
7 reduction to maintain a total program funding amount for the 2011-12
8 budget year that is consistent with this ~~sub-subparagraph (B)~~ SUBSECTION
9 (5)(g)(I)(B).

10 (C) That, for the 2012-13 budget year, the sum of the total
11 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
12 charter schools, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
13 STABILIZATION FACTOR, is not less than five billion two hundred
14 ninety-four million thirty-three thousand four hundred forty-nine dollars
15 (\$5,294,033,449); except that the department of education and the staff
16 of the legislative council shall make mid-year revisions to replace
17 projections with actual figures including, but not limited to, actual pupil
18 enrollment, assessed valuations, and specific ownership tax revenue from
19 the prior year, to determine any necessary changes in the amount of the
20 reduction to maintain a total program funding amount for the 2012-13
21 budget year that is consistent with this ~~sub-subparagraph (C)~~ SUBSECTION
22 (5)(g)(I)(C).

23 (D) That, for the 2013-14 budget year, the sum of the total
24 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
25 charter schools, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
26 STABILIZATION FACTOR, is not less than five billion five hundred
27 twenty-four million forty-six thousand seven hundred sixty-seven dollars

1 (\$5,524,046,767); except that the department of education and the staff
2 of the legislative council shall make mid-year revisions to replace
3 projections with actual figures including, but not limited to, actual pupil
4 enrollment, assessed valuations, and specific ownership tax revenue from
5 the prior year, to determine any necessary changes in the amount of the
6 reduction to maintain a total program funding amount for the applicable
7 budget year that is consistent with this ~~sub-subparagraph (D)~~ SUBSECTION
8 (5)(g)(I)(D).

9 (E) That, for the 2014-15 budget year, the sum of the total
10 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
11 charter schools, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
12 STABILIZATION FACTOR, is not less than five billion nine hundred thirty
13 million ninety-one thousand six hundred sixty dollars (\$5,930,091,660);
14 except that the department of education and the staff of the legislative
15 council shall make mid-year revisions to replace projections with actual
16 figures including, but not limited to, actual pupil enrollment, assessed
17 valuations, and specific ownership tax revenue from the prior year, to
18 determine any necessary changes in the amount of the reduction to
19 maintain a total program funding amount for the applicable budget year
20 that is consistent with this ~~sub-subparagraph (E)~~ SUBSECTION (5)(g)(I)(E).
21 For the 2015-16 budget year, the difference between calculated statewide
22 total program funding and actual statewide total program funding must
23 not exceed the difference between calculated statewide total program
24 funding and actual statewide total program funding for the 2014-15
25 budget year.

26 (F) That, for the 2015-16 budget year, the sum of the total
27 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute

1 charter schools, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
2 STABILIZATION FACTOR, is not less than six billion two hundred
3 thirty-three million eight hundred thirty-five thousand forty-four dollars
4 (\$6,233,835,044); except that the department of education and the staff
5 of the legislative council shall make mid-year revisions to replace
6 projections with actual figures, including but not limited to actual pupil
7 enrollment, assessed valuations, and specific ownership tax revenue from
8 the prior year, to determine any necessary changes in the amount of the
9 reduction to maintain a total program funding amount for the applicable
10 budget year that is consistent with this ~~sub-subparagraph (F)~~ SUBSECTION
11 (5)(g)(I)(F). For the 2016-17 budget year, the difference between
12 calculated statewide total program funding and actual statewide total
13 program funding must not exceed the difference between calculated
14 statewide total program funding and actual statewide total program
15 funding for the 2015-16 budget year.

16 (G) That, for the 2016-17 budget year, the sum of the total
17 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
18 charter schools, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
19 STABILIZATION FACTOR, is not less than six billion three hundred
20 ninety-four million five hundred twenty-eight thousand nine hundred
21 thirty-one dollars (\$6,394,528,931); except that the department of
22 education and the staff of the legislative council shall make mid-year
23 revisions to replace projections with actual figures, including but not
24 limited to actual pupil enrollment, assessed valuations, and specific
25 ownership tax revenue from the prior year, to determine any necessary
26 changes in the amount of the reduction to maintain a total program
27 funding amount for the applicable budget year that is consistent with this

1 sub-subparagraph (G) SUBSECTION (5)(g)(I)(G). For the 2017-18 budget
2 year, the difference between calculated statewide total program funding
3 and actual statewide total program funding must not exceed the difference
4 between calculated statewide total program funding and actual statewide
5 total program funding for the 2016-17 budget year.

6 (II) For the 2010-11 budget year and each budget year thereafter,
7 the department of education shall:

8 (A) Calculate the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR
9 for the applicable budget year by dividing the reduction in total program
10 funding for the applicable budget year, as specified in subparagraph (F)
11 of this paragraph (g) SUBSECTION (5)(g)(I) OF THIS SECTION, by the sum
12 of the total program funding amounts of all districts as calculated
13 pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, including the funding for
14 institute charter schools, for the applicable budget year; and

15 (B) Calculate each district's and each institute charter school's
16 reduction amount by multiplying the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
17 STABILIZATION FACTOR by the district's total program funding calculated
18 pursuant to subsection (2) of this section for the applicable budget year
19 for the district and for any institute charter school located within the
20 district.

21 (VII) As used in this paragraph (g) SUBSECTION (5)(g), unless the
22 context otherwise requires:

23 (A) "Actual statewide total program funding" means the sum of
24 the total program funding for all districts, including the funding for
25 institute charter schools, as calculated pursuant to subsection (2) of this
26 section, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET STABILIZATION
27 FACTOR pursuant to this paragraph (g) SUBSECTION (5)(g).

1 (B) "Calculated statewide total program funding" means the sum
2 of the total program funding for all districts, including the funding for
3 institute charter schools, as calculated pursuant to subsection (2) of this
4 section, before application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET STABILIZATION
5 FACTOR pursuant to this ~~paragraph (g)~~ SUBSECTION (5)(g).

6 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-117, **amend**
7 (1)(a)(VIII) as follows:

8 **22-54-117. Contingency reserve - capital construction**
9 **expenditures reserve - fund - lottery proceeds contingency reserve.**

10 (1) (a) For the 2007-08 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter, the general
11 assembly shall annually determine the amount to appropriate to the
12 contingency reserve fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. In
13 deciding the amount to appropriate to the contingency reserve fund, the
14 general assembly may take into consideration any recommendations made
15 by the department of education, but nothing in this section obligates the
16 general assembly to provide supplemental assistance to all districts that
17 are found to be in need or to fully fund the total amount of such need. The
18 state board may approve and order payments from the contingency
19 reserve fund for supplemental assistance to districts determined to be in
20 need as the result of any or all of the following circumstances:

21 (VIII) Commencing with the 2016-17 budget year, unusual
22 financial burden caused by a significant reduction in the assessed value
23 of real property in a district whose state share of total program funding
24 pursuant to section 22-54-106 before the application of the ~~negative~~
25 ~~factor~~ BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR pursuant to section 22-54-104
26 (5)(g) was less than one-half of one percent of the district's total program
27 funding in the previous budget year, causing the district to receive a state

1 share that is one-half of one percent of total program funding or greater
2 before application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR
3 in the budget year in which the assessed value is reduced. The amount of
4 supplemental assistance paid pursuant to this subparagraph (VIII)
5 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(VIII) shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the
6 amount of the reduction in the district's state share as a result of the
7 ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR. A school district may
8 receive supplemental assistance pursuant to this subparagraph (VIII)
9 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(VIII) only one time.

10 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 97 to title
11 22 as follows:

12 **ARTICLE 97**

13 **Teacher Grants for Computer Science Education**

14 **22-97-101. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 97, UNLESS THE
15 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

16 (1) "COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION" MEANS THE STUDY OF
17 COMPUTERS, ALGORITHMIC PROCESSES, AND COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
18 AND CODING, INCLUDING THEIR PRINCIPLES, THEIR HARDWARE AND
19 SOFTWARE DESIGNS, THEIR APPLICATIONS, AND THEIR IMPACT ON SOCIETY.

20 (2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
21 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115.

22 (3) "ELIGIBLE TEACHER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED AS
23 A TEACHER IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

24 (4) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-97-102.

26 (5) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN
27 SECTION 22-1-101 AND INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, A DISTRICT

1 CHARTER SCHOOL, AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, AND AN ONLINE
2 SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-30.7-102 (9.5).

3 (6) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZED
4 BY SECTION 15 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND
5 ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 30 OF THIS TITLE 22. "SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT" ALSO INCLUDES A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED
7 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE 22, IF IT IS OPERATING A PUBLIC
8 SCHOOL; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL;
9 AND AN ONLINE SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-30.7-102 (9.5).

10 (7) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
11 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE
12 STATE CONSTITUTION.

13 **22-97-102. Computer science education grants for teachers -**
14 **creation.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT A GRANT PROGRAM
15 FOR ELIGIBLE TEACHERS WHO WISH TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL
16 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE
17 EDUCATION TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A
18 SCHOOL DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF AN ELIGIBLE TEACHER OR TEACHERS MAY
19 APPLY FOR A GRANT.

20 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM IN
21 ACCORDANCE WITH STATE BOARD RULES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
22 ACCEPT AND REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOL
23 DISTRICTS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON BEHALF OF AN ELIGIBLE TEACHER OR
24 TEACHERS AND SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD
25 FOR THE AWARD OF GRANTS. IN MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, THE
26 DEPARTMENT MAY CONSIDER THE PRIORITIES CONTAINED IN SUBSECTION
27 (4) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (3) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
2 PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT
3 PROGRAM, INCLUDING RULES RELATING TO:

4 (a) THE APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING APPLICATION
5 REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES;

6 (b) CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF GRANTS, INCLUDING THE
7 PRIORITIES FOR AWARDING GRANTS CONTAINED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS
8 SECTION;

9 (c) THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF THE GRANTS; AND

10 (d) THE APPROVED USES OF THE GRANT, INCLUDING TUITION, FEES,
11 TRAINING PROGRAM COSTS, AND BOOKS AND MATERIALS.

12 (4) IN AWARDING GRANTS, THE STATE BOARD MAY:

13 (a) GIVE PRIORITY TO GRANT APPLICATIONS THAT BENEFIT A
14 TEACHER OR TEACHERS IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT SERVES:

15 (I) A HIGH-POVERTY STUDENT POPULATION;

16 (II) A HIGH NUMBER OF MINORITY STUDENTS; OR

17 (III) STUDENTS IN RURAL AREAS;

18 (b) GIVE PRIORITY TO GRANT APPLICATIONS THAT BENEFIT A
19 TEACHER OR TEACHERS WHO INTEND TO CONTINUE TEACHING IN PUBLIC
20 SCHOOLS IN COLORADO AFTER COMPLETING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
21 OBTAINED THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM; AND

22 (c) GIVE PRIORITY TO GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR POSTSECONDARY
23 COURSE WORK OR TRAINING THAT ENABLES A TEACHER TO TEACH
24 COMPUTER SCIENCE, INCLUDING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES IN
25 COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND THAT APPLIES TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF A
26 DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, THE COMPLETION OF AN
27 INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, OR THE

1 COMPLETION OF A HIGH-QUALITY TRAINING PROGRAM, OR THAT RESULTS
2 IN THE MASTERY OF A TEACHING CONTENT AREA IN COMPUTER SCIENCE.

3 (5) THE STATE BOARD MAY AWARD GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS
4 FOR HIGH-QUALITY TRAINING PROGRAMS OFFERED TO TEACHERS IN THE
5 DISTRICT THAT ENABLE THE TEACHERS TO TEACH COMPUTER SCIENCE
6 COURSES.

7 (6) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE STATE BOARD
8 SHALL ANNUALLY AWARD GRANTS.

9 (7) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT, FOR PURPOSES OF
10 SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, COMPUTER
11 SCIENCE EDUCATION GRANTS FOR TEACHERS ARE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT
12 IN EXPANDING TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AND MAY THEREFORE RECEIVE
13 FUNDING FROM THE STATE EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4)
14 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

15 **22-97-103. Reporting.** (1) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2018,
16 AND NO LATER THAN EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER IF THE STATE BOARD
17 HAS AWARDED A GRANT DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR, THE
18 DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE
19 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR
20 COMMITTEES.

21 (2) AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

22 (a) THE NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED DURING THE PREVIOUS
23 CALENDAR YEAR;

24 (b) THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANTS;

25 (c) THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO
26 BENEFITTED FROM THE GRANT; AND

27 (d) THE USES OF THE GRANT, INCLUDING THE POSTSECONDARY

1 COURSES, DEGREES, TRAINING PROGRAMS, OR INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED
2 CERTIFICATES COMPLETED AND THE EDUCATION PROVIDER PROVIDING THE
3 EDUCATION.

4 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORT
5 REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

6 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 22-61-103** as
7 follows:

8 **22-61-103. Teacher's oath, affirmation, or pledge.** (1) ~~Any~~ A
9 person now holding a license to teach in the public schools in the state of
10 Colorado or who shall hereafter be issued a license to teach in such public
11 schools within the state of Colorado, except ~~any~~ A person employed to
12 teach in a temporary capacity who is a citizen of a nation other than the
13 United States, shall take OR SIGN the following oath, ~~or~~ affirmation, OR
14 WRITTEN PLEDGE:

15 "I solemnly (swear) (affirm) (PLEDGE) that I will uphold the
16 constitution of the United States and the constitution of the
17 state of Colorado, and I will faithfully perform the duties of
18 the position upon which I am about to enter."

19 (2) ~~The said oath or affirmation shall be administered by any~~ A
20 person authorized to administer oaths in the state of Colorado SHALL
21 ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION, OR THE TEACHER MUST SIGN THE
22 PLEDGE.

23 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 22-61-104** as
24 follows:

25 **22-61-104. Oath, affirmation, or pledge - professors,**
26 **instructors, and teachers in state institutions of higher education.**

27 (1) Every person employed to teach in ~~any~~ A state university, college,

1 junior college, community college, or technical college in the state of
2 Colorado, before entering upon or continuing the discharge of his OR HER
3 duties, shall take OR SIGN the following oath, ~~or~~ affirmation, OR WRITTEN
4 PLEDGE; except that ~~no~~ A person employed to teach in a temporary
5 capacity who is a citizen of a nation other than the United States ~~shall be~~
6 IS NOT required to take such oath or affirmation OR SIGN SUCH PLEDGE:

7 "I solemnly (swear) (affirm) (PLEDGE) that I will uphold the
8 constitution of the United States and the constitution of the
9 state of Colorado, and I will faithfully perform the duties of
10 the position upon which I am about to enter."

11 (2) ~~The said oath or affirmation shall be administered by any A~~
12 person authorized to administer oaths in the state of Colorado SHALL
13 ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION, OR THE PROFESSOR, INSTRUCTOR,
14 OR TEACHER MUST SIGN THE PLEDGE.

15 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 22-61-105 as
16 follows:

17 **22-61-105. Penalty.** ~~Any~~ A person who, being in charge of ~~any~~
18 A public school, state university, college, junior college, community
19 college, or technical college within the state of Colorado, allows or
20 permits ~~any~~ A teacher to enter upon the discharge of his OR HER duties or
21 give instruction therein, unless such teacher shall have taken the oath or
22 affirmation OR SIGNED THE PLEDGE AS provided ~~for~~ in sections 22-61-103
23 and 22-61-104, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof,
24 ~~shall~~ MUST be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars,
25 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or by
26 both such fine and imprisonment.

27 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-1902, **amend as**

1 **added by House Bill 17-1340 (1)(j)(II) and (1)(j)(IV) as follows:**

2 **2-2-1902. School finance study - issues - hiring consultant.**

3 (1) The interim committee shall, at a minimum, study the following
4 issues:

5 (j) The level of funding for education that is available from the
6 local resources available to each local education provider and the amount
7 of local resources that each district charter school and each institute
8 charter school receives, including consideration of:

9 (II) Strategies for equalizing mill levies in school districts and
10 public schools across the state AND FOR ENSURING THAT AUTHORIZATION
11 FOR ADDITIONAL MILL LEVIES FOR OPERATING PURPOSES COMPLIES WITH
12 THE CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT OF MAINTAINING A THOROUGH AND
13 UNIFORM STATEWIDE EDUCATION SYSTEM;

14 (IV) Other sources of funding for public education, INCLUDING
15 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS, available to each
16 institute charter school and each school district, or available to schools of
17 a school district, including district charter schools, individually or by
18 campus, and the amount received from each source; and

19 **SECTION 10. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,
20 \$500,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This
21 appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17 (4)(a)
22 of article IX of the state constitution and is based on an assumption that
23 the department will require an additional 0.4 FTE. To implement this act,
24 the department may use this appropriation for computer science education
25 grants for teachers pursuant to section 22-97-102, C.R.S.

26 **SECTION 11. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;
27 except that section 9 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 17-1340

1 becomes law, and it takes effect either upon the effective date of this act
2 or House Bill 17-1340, whichever is later.

3 **SECTION 12. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.