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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:

21
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 **ADJUSTMENT**, IS NOT LESS THAN SIX BILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR
26 MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS

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

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

17 **22-45-103. Funds.** (1) The following funds are created for each
18 school district for purposes specified in this article ARTICLE 45:

19 **(k) Total program reserve fund.** A school district shall deposit
20 the property tax revenues that it collects from a tax levy imposed pursuant
21 to section 22-54-107 (5) in the total program reserve fund of the district.
22 The district may expend money from the total program reserve fund only
23 to offset the amount of a reduction in the district's state share caused by
24 application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET ADJUSTMENT pursuant to
25 section 22-54-104 (5)(g); except that, in a budget year in which the school
26 district levies for its total program the number of mills calculated
27 pursuant to section 22-54-106 (2)(a)(II), if the balance of the total

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

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

13 **22-54-104. District total program - definitions.** (4.5) A district's
14 online funding shall be determined in accordance with the following
15 formulas:

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

26 (4.7) (c) In any budget year in which the provisions of paragraph
27 (g) of subsection (5) SUBSECTION (5)(g) of this section apply, the

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

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

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

22 (B) That, for the 2011-12 budget year, the sum of the total
23 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
24 charter schools, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
25 ADJUSTMENT, is not less than five billion two hundred twenty-nine
26 million five hundred sixty thousand three hundred forty-six dollars
27 (\$5,229,560,346); except that the department of education and the staff

1 of the legislative council shall make mid-year revisions to replace
2 projections with actual figures including, but not limited to, actual pupil
3 enrollment, assessed valuations, and specific ownership tax revenue from
4 the prior year, to determine any necessary changes in the amount of the
5 reduction to maintain a total program funding amount for the 2011-12
6 budget year that is consistent with this ~~sub-subparagraph (B)~~ SUBSECTION
7 (5)(g)(I)(B).

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

20 (D) That, for the 2013-14 budget year, the sum of the total
21 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
22 charter schools, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
23 ADJUSTMENT, is not less than five billion five hundred twenty-four
24 million forty-six thousand seven hundred sixty-seven dollars
25 (\$5,524,046,767); except that the department of education and the staff
26 of the legislative council shall make mid-year revisions to replace
27 projections with actual figures including, but not limited to, actual pupil

1 enrollment, assessed valuations, and specific ownership tax revenue from
2 the prior year, to determine any necessary changes in the amount of the
3 reduction to maintain a total program funding amount for the applicable
4 budget year that is consistent with this ~~sub-subparagraph (D)~~ SUBSECTION
5 (5)(g)(I)(D).

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

22 (F) That, for the 2015-16 budget year, the sum of the total
23 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
24 charter schools, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
25 ADJUSTMENT, is not less than six billion two hundred thirty-three million
26 eight hundred thirty-five thousand forty-four dollars (\$6,233,835,044);
27 except that the department of education and the staff of the legislative

1 council shall make mid-year revisions to replace projections with actual
2 figures, including but not limited to actual pupil enrollment, assessed
3 valuations, and specific ownership tax revenue from the prior year, to
4 determine any necessary changes in the amount of the reduction to
5 maintain a total program funding amount for the applicable budget year
6 that is consistent with this ~~sub-subparagraph (F)~~ SUBSECTION (5)(g)(I)(F).
7 For the 2016-17 budget year, the difference between calculated statewide
8 total program funding and actual statewide total program funding must
9 not exceed the difference between calculated statewide total program
10 funding and actual statewide total program funding for the 2015-16
11 budget year.

12 (G) That, for the 2016-17 budget year, the sum of the total
13 program funding for all districts, including the funding for institute
14 charter schools, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
15 ADJUSTMENT, is not less than six billion three hundred ninety-four million
16 five hundred twenty-eight thousand nine hundred thirty-one dollars
17 (\$6,394,528,931); except that the department of education and the staff
18 of the legislative council shall make mid-year revisions to replace
19 projections with actual figures, including but not limited to actual pupil
20 enrollment, assessed valuations, and specific ownership tax revenue from
21 the prior year, to determine any necessary changes in the amount of the
22 reduction to maintain a total program funding amount for the applicable
23 budget year that is consistent with this ~~sub-subparagraph (G)~~ SUBSECTION
24 (5)(g)(I)(G). For the 2017-18 budget year, the difference between
25 calculated statewide total program funding and actual statewide total
26 program funding must not exceed the difference between calculated
27 statewide total program funding and actual statewide total program

1 funding for the 2016-17 budget year.

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

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

11 (B) Calculate each district's and each institute charter school's
12 reduction amount by multiplying the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET
13 ADJUSTMENT by the district's total program funding calculated pursuant
14 to subsection (2) of this section for the applicable budget year for the
15 district and for any institute charter school located within the district.

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

18 (A) "Actual statewide total program funding" means the sum of
19 the total program funding for all districts, including the funding for
20 institute charter schools, as calculated pursuant to subsection (2) of this
21 section, after application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
22 pursuant to this paragraph (g) SUBSECTION (5)(g).

23 (B) "Calculated statewide total program funding" means the sum
24 of 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, before application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
27 pursuant to this paragraph (g) SUBSECTION (5)(g).

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

3 **22-54-117. Contingency reserve - capital construction**
4 **expenditures reserve - fund - lottery proceeds contingency reserve.**

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

16 (VIII) Commencing with the 2016-17 budget year, unusual
17 financial burden caused by a significant reduction in the assessed value
18 of real property in a district whose state share of total program funding
19 pursuant to section 22-54-106 before the application of the ~~negative~~
20 ~~factor~~ BUDGET ADJUSTMENT pursuant to section 22-54-104 (5)(g) was less
21 than one-half of one percent of the district's total program funding in the
22 previous budget year, causing the district to receive a state share that is
23 one-half of one percent of total program funding or greater before
24 application of the ~~negative factor~~ BUDGET ADJUSTMENT in the budget year
25 in which the assessed value is reduced. The amount of supplemental
26 assistance paid pursuant to this ~~subparagraph~~ (VIII) SUBSECTION
27 (1)(a)(VIII) shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the amount of the

1 reduction in the district's state share as a result of the ~~negative factor~~
2 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT. A school district may receive supplemental
3 assistance pursuant to this ~~subparagraph (VII)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a)(VIII)
4 only one time.

5 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 97 to title
6 22 as follows:

7 **ARTICLE 97**

8 **Teacher Grants for Computer Science Education**

9 **22-97-101. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 97, UNLESS THE
10 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

11 (1) "COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION" MEANS THE STUDY OF
12 COMPUTERS, ALGORITHMIC PROCESSES, AND COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
13 AND CODING, INCLUDING THEIR PRINCIPLES, THEIR HARDWARE AND
14 SOFTWARE DESIGNS, THEIR APPLICATIONS, AND THEIR IMPACT ON SOCIETY.

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

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

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

21 (5) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN
22 SECTION 22-1-101 AND INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, A DISTRICT
23 CHARTER SCHOOL, AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, AND AN ONLINE
24 SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-30.7-102 (9.5).

25 (6) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZED
26 BY SECTION 15 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND
27 ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 30 OF THIS TITLE 22. "SCHOOL

1 DISTRICT" ALSO INCLUDES A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED
2 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE 22, IF IT IS OPERATING A PUBLIC
3 SCHOOL; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL; AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL;
4 AND AN ONLINE SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-30.7-102 (9.5).

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

8 **22-97-102. Computer science education grants for teachers -**

9 **creation.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT A GRANT PROGRAM
10 FOR ELIGIBLE TEACHERS WHO WISH TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL
11 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE
12 EDUCATION TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF AN ELIGIBLE TEACHER OR TEACHERS MAY
14 APPLY FOR A GRANT.

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

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

26 (a) THE APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING APPLICATION
27 REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES;

1 (b) CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF GRANTS, INCLUDING THE
2 PRIORITIES FOR AWARDING GRANTS CONTAINED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS
3 SECTION;

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

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

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

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

10 (I) A HIGH-POVERTY STUDENT POPULATION;

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

12 (III) STUDENTS IN RURAL AREAS;

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

17 (c) GIVE PRIORITY TO GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR POSTSECONDARY
18 COURSE WORK OR TRAINING THAT ENABLES A TEACHER TO TEACH
19 COMPUTER SCIENCE, INCLUDING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES IN
20 COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND THAT APPLIES TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF A
21 DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, THE COMPLETION OF AN
22 INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, OR THE
23 COMPLETION OF A HIGH-QUALITY TRAINING PROGRAM, OR THAT RESULTS
24 IN THE MASTERY OF A TEACHING CONTENT AREA IN COMPUTER SCIENCE.

25 (5) THE STATE BOARD MAY AWARD GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS
26 FOR HIGH-QUALITY TRAINING PROGRAMS OFFERED TO TEACHERS IN THE
27 DISTRICT THAT ENABLE THE TEACHERS TO TEACH COMPUTER SCIENCE

1 COURSES.

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

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

10 **22-97-103. Reporting.** (1) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2018,
11 AND NO LATER THAN EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER IF THE STATE BOARD
12 HAS AWARDED A GRANT DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR, THE
13 DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE
14 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR
15 COMMITTEES.

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

17 (a) THE NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED DURING THE PREVIOUS
18 CALENDAR YEAR;

19 (b) THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANTS;

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

22 (d) THE USES OF THE GRANT, INCLUDING THE POSTSECONDARY
23 COURSES, DEGREES, TRAINING PROGRAMS, OR INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED
24 CERTIFICATES COMPLETED AND THE EDUCATION PROVIDER PROVIDING THE
25 EDUCATION.

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

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

3 **22-61-103. Teacher's oath, affirmation, or pledge.** (1) ~~Any~~ A
4 person now holding a license to teach in the public schools in the state of
5 Colorado or who shall hereafter be issued a license to teach in such public
6 schools within the state of Colorado, except ~~any~~ A person employed to
7 teach in a temporary capacity who is a citizen of a nation other than the
8 United States, shall take ~~OR SIGN~~ the following oath, ~~or~~ affirmation, ~~OR~~
9 ~~WRITTEN PLEDGE:~~

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

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

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

20 **22-61-104. Oath, affirmation, or pledge - professors,**
21 **instructors, and teachers in state institutions of higher education.**

22 (1) Every person employed to teach in ~~any~~ A state university, college,
23 junior college, community college, or technical college in the state of
24 Colorado, before entering upon or continuing the discharge of his ~~OR HER~~
25 duties, shall take ~~OR SIGN~~ the following oath, ~~or~~ affirmation, ~~OR WRITTEN~~
26 ~~PLEDGE;~~ except that ~~no~~ A person employed to teach in a temporary
27 capacity who is a citizen of a nation other than the United States ~~shall be~~

1 IS NOT required to take such oath or affirmation OR SIGN SUCH PLEDGE:

2 "I solemnly (swear) (affirm) (PLEDGE) that I will uphold the
3 constitution of the United States and the constitution of the
4 state of Colorado, and I will faithfully perform the duties of
5 the position upon which I am about to enter."

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

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

12 **22-61-105. Penalty.** ~~Any~~ A person who, being in charge of ~~any~~
13 A public school, state university, college, junior college, community
14 college, or technical college within the state of Colorado, allows or
15 permits ~~any~~ A teacher to enter upon the discharge of his OR HER duties or
16 give instruction therein, unless such teacher shall have taken the oath or
17 affirmation OR SIGNED THE PLEDGE AS provided ~~for~~ in sections 22-61-103
18 and 22-61-104, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof,
19 ~~shall~~ MUST be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars,
20 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or by
21 both such fine and imprisonment.

22 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-1902, **amend as**
23 **added by House Bill 17-1340** (1)(j)(II) and (1)(j)(IV) as follows:

24 **2-2-1902. School finance study - issues - hiring consultant.**

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

27 (j) The level of funding for education that is available from the

1 local resources available to each local education provider and the amount
2 of local resources that each district charter school and each institute
3 charter school receives, including consideration of:

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

9 (IV) Other sources of funding for public education, INCLUDING
10 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS, available to each
11 institute charter school and each school district, or available to schools of
12 a school district, including district charter schools, individually or by
13 campus, and the amount received from each source; and

14 **SECTION 10. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,
15 \$500,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This
16 appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17 (4)(a)
17 of article IX of the state constitution and is based on an assumption that
18 the department will require an additional 0.4 FTE. To implement this act,
19 the department may use this appropriation for computer science education
20 grants for teachers pursuant to section 22-97-102, C.R.S.

21 **SECTION 11. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;
22 except that section 19 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 17-1340
23 becomes law, and it takes effect either upon the effective date of this act
24 or House Bill 17-1340, whichever is later.

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