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Sponsors

Representative McLachlan
Senator Coram

Short Title

Strategic Plan To Address
Teacher Shortages

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which was signed by the Governor on May 21, 2017, and becomes effective on August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Background

According to the Colorado Department of Higher Education (DHE), the number of individuals completing educator preparation programs in Colorado colleges and universities is declining. In the 2015-16 academic year, completion of educator preparation programs declined by 2.2 percent. This is a 24.4 percent decline since the 2010-11 academic year.

House Action

House Education Committee (March 20, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from the DHE, the Colorado Children's Campaign, the Colorado Education Association, the Colorado Association of School Boards, the Colorado Association of School Executives, the Rural School Alliance, and Stand for Children testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (March 24, 2017). The House adopted Amendment No. 1 (L.001). Amendment No. 1 added a statewide organization representing charter schools to the list of organizations with whom DHE must collaborate to prepare a plan to address teacher shortages. The House passed the bill as amended on second reading.

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House third reading (March 27, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Education Committee (April 12, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from DHE, the Colorado Children's Campaign, the Colorado Education Association, Stand for Children, and one private citizen testified in support of the bill.

The committee adopted amendment L.002, which requires the DHE to consider research concerning the effect of teacher licensure on student outcomes in preparing the action plan to address teacher shortages. Amendment L.002 also specified that the action plan include strategies to address teacher shortages that do not require additional resources. The committee referred the bill, as amended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (April 18, 2017). The Senate adopted the Senate Education Committee report and Amendment No. 2 (L.003). Amendment No. 2 added early childhood education and development organizations to the list of organizations DHE must collaborate with to prepare a plan to address teacher shortages. The Senate passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

Senate third reading (April 19, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.