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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT
102 COLLABORATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION INITIATIVES TO
103 ADDRESS THE TEACHER SHORTAGE IN COLORADO, AND, IN
104 CONNECTION 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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The bill creates in the department of higher education (department) the collaborative educator preparation grant program (grant program) to support joint initiatives among educator

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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preparation programs, alternative teacher programs, school districts, boards of cooperative services, and charter schools for preparing and placing educators. The department, working with the rural education coordinator, is directed to convene meetings of educator preparation programs, alternative teacher programs, school districts, boards of cooperative services, and charter schools to assist them in jointly preparing grant initiatives. The department must review the grant initiatives that are submitted and, taking into account specified criteria, select initiatives to receive one-time grants. Each grant recipient must report specified information to the department concerning the use of the grant money. The department must submit a report to the joint budget committee and the education committees of the general assembly concerning implementation of the grant program and whether it was successful in addressing the teacher shortage in the state. The grant program repeals July 1, 2021.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact,**
3 **with amendments,** 23-1-120.9 as follows:

4 **23-1-120.9. Department directive - collaborative educator**
5 **preparation grant program - created - reporting - legislative**
6 **declaration - definitions - repeal.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
7 THAT, AFTER STUDYING THE TEACHER SHORTAGE ISSUE IN COLORADO, THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 EDUCATION CONCLUDED THAT ONE STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING THE ISSUE
10 IS TO PROMOTE COLLABORATION AMONG EDUCATOR PREPARATION
11 PROGRAMS, ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAMS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
12 BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO
13 FACILITATE MORE EFFECTIVE PREPARATION, PLACEMENT, AND RETENTION
14 OF EDUCATORS. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS
15 APPROPRIATE TO CREATE A GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT EDUCATOR
16 PREPARATION PARTNERSHIPS INVOLVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION
17 PROGRAMS, ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAMS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS,

1 BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE
2 TARGETED EDUCATOR PREPARATION INITIATIVES THAT IMPROVE THE
3 QUALITY AND APPLICABILITY OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND THE
4 INTENTIONAL PLACEMENT OF NEWLY TRAINED EDUCATORS WITH SCHOOL
5 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS.

6 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
7 REQUIRES:

8 (a) "BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES" MEANS A BOARD OF
9 COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5
10 OF TITLE 22.

11 (b) "CHARTER SCHOOL" MEANS A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED
12 BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22
13 OR AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER
14 SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22.

15 (c) "EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM" MEANS AN APPROVED
16 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-1-121 OR
17 AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-60.5-102.

18 (d) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT,
19 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, OR CHARTER SCHOOL.

20 (e) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZED
21 AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO LAW BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE A LOCAL
22 COLLEGE DISTRICT.

23 (3) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE COLLABORATIVE
24 EDUCATOR PREPARATION GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT
25 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TARGETED EDUCATOR PREPARATION
26 INITIATIVES BY PARTNERSHIPS OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
27 AND LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO PREPARE EDUCATORS SPECIFICALLY

1 FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS.
2 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
3 AWARD GRANTS TO PARTNERSHIPS OF LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND
4 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS TO FUND EDUCATOR PREPARATION
5 INITIATIVES DEVELOPED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (4) BEGINNING IN AUGUST OF 2018, THE DEPARTMENT, WORKING
7 WITH THE RURAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO
8 SECTION 23-76-103, SHALL CONVENE MEETINGS BETWEEN LOCAL
9 EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS TO
10 ASSIST THEM IN DEVELOPING JOINT, TARGETED EDUCATOR PREPARATION
11 INITIATIVES TO SUBMIT FOR GRANT FUNDING. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
12 CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER ENTITIES TO ASSIST LOCAL
13 EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS IN
14 DEVELOPING INITIATIVES. AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION INITIATIVE MAY
15 INCLUDE BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING STRATEGIES:

16 (a) TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAMS DEVELOPED AND OPERATED
17 JOINTLY BY AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AND A PARTNERING
18 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER;

19 (b) PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE EDUCATOR PREPARATION FOR
20 PARAPROFESSIONALS ALREADY EMPLOYED BY THE PARTNERING LOCAL
21 EDUCATION PROVIDER OR FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED BY OR GRADUATING
22 FROM THE PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER;

23 (c) PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT EDUCATOR PREPARATION
24 SPECIFICALLY FOR LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS IN RURAL AREAS OF THE
25 STATE;

26 (d) THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT LONG-DISTANCE
27 SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT FOR EDUCATOR CANDIDATES AND NEWLY

1 LICENSED EDUCATORS;

2 (e) CREATION OF A DUAL LICENSURE PREPARATION PROGRAM TO
3 PREPARE AN INDIVIDUAL TO MEET MULTIPLE NEEDS OF A PARTNERING
4 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER; AND

5 (f) OTHER ACTIVITIES OR INITIATIVES TO ALIGN EDUCATOR
6 PREPARATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WITH THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF
7 THE PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS.

8 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THE GRANT INITIATIVES
9 SUBMITTED BY PARTNERING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS AND
10 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS, AND DEVELOPED AS PROVIDED IN
11 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
12 APPROPRIATIONS, AWARD ONE-TIME GRANTS TO THE PARTNERING
13 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS AND LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS.
14 IN AWARDING GRANTS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER THE QUALITY
15 OF THE INITIATIVE, THE LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY DEMONSTRATED BY THE
16 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER IN ATTRACTING AND RETAINING EDUCATORS,
17 THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE INITIATIVE WILL ASSIST THE LOCAL EDUCATION
18 PROVIDER IN ATTRACTING AND RETAINING EDUCATORS TO ADDRESS
19 PARTICULAR EDUCATOR SHORTAGES, THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE
20 INITIATIVE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER STUDENTS OUTCOMES, AND THE
21 PROVISIONS INCLUDED FOR CONTINUING THE INITIATIVE AFTER THE GRANT
22 MONEY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

23 (6)(a) EACH PARTNERSHIP THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL SUBMIT
24 A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
25 GRANT INITIATIVE, WHICH MUST INCLUDE AT A MINIMUM:

26 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE STRATEGIES IMPLEMENTED USING THE
27 GRANT MONEY;

1 (II) THE NUMBER OF EDUCATOR CANDIDATES AND NEWLY
2 LICENSED EDUCATORS SERVED; AND

3 (III) AN EVALUATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE STRATEGIES IN
4 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF PREPARATION, MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE
5 PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, AND IMPROVING THE
6 RETENTION OF EDUCATORS BY THE PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION
7 PROVIDER, TO THE EXTENT SUCH INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

8 (b) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
9 PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE
10 EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
11 SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, A REPORT CONCERNING THE
12 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLABORATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION
13 GRANT PROGRAM. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE
14 INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS PURSUANT TO
15 SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECT
16 OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IN INCREASING EDUCATOR QUALITY AND
17 EDUCATOR RETENTION AND IN REDUCING THE EDUCATOR SHORTAGE IN
18 THE STATE.

19 (7) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE
20 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR FROM THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND, CREATED IN
21 SECTION 39-28.8-501, TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. ANY UNEXPENDED
22 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY FROM THE APPROPRIATION MADE FOR THE
23 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE
24 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION IN THE 2019-20 FISCAL
25 YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION.

26 (8) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

27 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2018-19 state fiscal year,

1 \$2,000,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use
2 by the department. This appropriation is from the general fund. To
3 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the
4 collaborative educator preparation grant program created in section
5 23-1-120.9, C.R.S.

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