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**HOUSE BILL 19-1222**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE**  
102 **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAM FEE PAID BY STUDENTS.**

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**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>.)*

Under existing law, the advanced placement exam fee grant program (grant program) provides funds to high schools to reduce or eliminate the advanced placement exam fee for low-income students. The bill makes funds from the grant program available to high schools to reduce or eliminate the international baccalaureate exam fee for low-income students.

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

Under the existing program, all grants awarded to cover exam fees must be awarded in the same amount, regardless of the cost of the exam. The bill allows the department to award a grant in a greater amount to cover a higher exam fee so long as any grants awarded for a lesser amount cover the entire cost of the exam fee for which the lesser grant is awarded.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-95.5-101, **amend**  
3 (2), (3), and (4); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

4 **22-95.5-101. Definitions.** As used in this article 95.5, unless the  
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (2) "Eligible student" means a student enrolled in a high school  
7 who is a low-income individual, as defined in 20 U.S.C. sec. 6537, and  
8 who is planning to take one or more advanced placement exams OR  
9 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMS.

10 (2.5) "EXAM" MEANS AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM OR AN  
11 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAM.

12 (3) "Grant program" means the ~~advanced placement~~  
13 ACCELERATED COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY exam fee grant program created in  
14 section 22-95.5-102.

15 (4) "High school" means any public school that serves grades nine  
16 through twelve and has one or more students who plan to take an  
17 ~~advanced placement~~ exam.

18 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-95.5-102, **amend**  
19 (1), (2)(b), (3), and (5) as follows:

20 **22-95.5-102. Accelerated college opportunity exam fee grant**  
21 **program - creation - rules.** (1) There is created in the department the  
22 ~~advanced placement~~ ACCELERATED COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY exam fee

1 grant program to increase the number of eligible students who take  
2 advanced placement exams AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMS  
3 and receive scores for which college academic credit is awarded by  
4 providing funds to high schools to pay all or a portion of ~~advanced~~  
5 ~~placement~~ exam fees on behalf of eligible students.

6 (2) The department shall administer the grant program in  
7 accordance with state board rules. The department shall:

8 (b) Determine the amount, based on available appropriations, that  
9 will be awarded for each ~~advanced placement~~ exam that will be  
10 administered to an eligible student; and

11 (3) (a) The amount set by the department for each ~~advanced~~  
12 ~~placement~~ exam pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this section must be the  
13 same for each exam, regardless of the subject of the exam.

14 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AND  
15 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD  
16 A GRANT FOR AN EXAM FEE IN AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT  
17 OF A GRANT AWARDED FOR ANOTHER EXAM UP TO THE AMOUNT  
18 NECESSARY TO COVER THE ENTIRE FEE OF AN EXAM. IN ORDER TO AWARD  
19 A GRANT IN A GREATER AMOUNT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b),  
20 ANY GRANT AWARDED FOR A LESSER AMOUNT MUST COVER THE ENTIRE  
21 COST OF THE EXAM FEE FOR WHICH THE LESSER GRANT IS AWARDED.

22 (5) A high school that receives an award pursuant to this section  
23 shall use the entire amount awarded to pay all or a portion of ~~advanced~~  
24 ~~placement~~ exam fees on behalf of eligible students who will take an  
25 ~~advanced placement~~ exam in the amount ~~set~~ AWARDED for each exam by  
26 the department pursuant to ~~subsection (2)(b)~~ of this section.

27 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
3 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a  
4 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
5 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
6 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
7 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
8 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.