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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CONSOLIDATING DUTIES UNDER THE AUTHORIZATION
102 PROCESS FOR COLORADO EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
103 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO THE
104 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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 consolidates the review and approval process for educator preparation programs under the department of education and the state board of education.

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) All educator preparation programs in Colorado, both
5 traditional and alternative, provide a route to ensure that all educators
6 have a consistent, high-quality baseline of content competency and
7 teaching skills;

8 (b) Colorado is one of only a handful of states in the nation with
9 an educator preparation approval process that is the joint responsibility of
10 a state department of education and a state department of higher
11 education;

12 (c) For the Colorado commission on higher education, education
13 is the only academic program leading to licensure over which the
14 commission has approval authority while all others are overseen by the
15 department of regulatory agencies or designated programmatic
16 accrediting entities;

17 (d) While Colorado's joint approval process allows for
18 collaboration between the department of education and the department of
19 higher education, it is possible to consolidate responsibilities in a way that
20 allows for continued collaboration and leads to greater transparency and
21 efficiency for educator preparation programs; and

22 (e) Such consolidation is supported by both departments and
23 continues to respect the statutory autonomy of institutions of higher
24 education.

25 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that a more effective
26 approval process would consolidate the authorization and reauthorization

1 of educator preparation programs under the state board of education and
2 the department of education and achieve the following purposes:

3 (a) Align the process with the approval of other academic
4 programs in Colorado; and

5 (b) Allow for consistency, clear messaging, and accountability
6 from a single department with respect to authorization of new educator
7 preparation programs; reauthorization of existing educator preparation
8 programs; authorization of added endorsement areas in already-approved
9 programs; and annual reporting to the legislature on educator preparation
10 programs.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-60.5-121 as
12 follows:

13 **22-60.5-121. Educator preparation programs - requirements**
14 **- report - rules - legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN
15 THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

16 (a) "CANDIDATE" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN AN
17 INITIAL, ADVANCED, OR OTHER EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM.

18 (b) "EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM
19 THAT PREPARES EDUCATOR CANDIDATES TO MEET THE QUALITY
20 STANDARDS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-9-105.5 (10) AND
21 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE ENDORSEMENT ADOPTED BY STATE
22 BOARD RULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-106. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
23 SECTION, AN "EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN
24 ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAM THAT OBTAINS APPROVAL FROM THE
25 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-205 (3).

26 (c) "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE
27 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102

1 (10)(a); A LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-71-102
2 (1); AN AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-60-103 (1);
3 A PRIVATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-2-102 (11)
4 AND AUTHORIZED BY THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER
5 EDUCATION; AND AN OUT-OF-STATE PUBLIC INSTITUTION, AS DEFINED IN
6 SECTION 23-2-102 (9) AND AUTHORIZED BY THE COLORADO COMMISSION
7 ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

8 (d) "PROGRAM" MEANS A PLANNED SEQUENCE OF
9 UNDERGRADUATE, POST-BACCALAUREATE, OR GRADUATE COURSES AND
10 EXPERIENCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING CANDIDATES TO BE
11 EFFECTIVE EDUCATORS IN PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH-GRADE
12 SETTINGS. A PROGRAM MAY LEAD TO A DEGREE, AN EDUCATOR LICENSE,
13 OR BOTH.

14 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING THE
15 REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, WHICH, AT A
16 MINIMUM, MUST ENSURE THAT EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
17 INCLUDES:

18 (a) PROGRAM DESIGN AROUND CANDIDATE PROFICIENCY AND
19 PROFESSIONALISM THAT SUPPORTS DECISION-MAKING ABOUT
20 PARTNERSHIPS AND THE INTEGRATION OF CURRICULA, LEARNERS, COURSE
21 WORK, AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE;

22 (b) MAPPING, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSMENT, AND
23 SUPPORT OF CANDIDATE PROFICIENCY, INCLUDING A CANDIDATE'S DEEP
24 UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENT KNOWLEDGE, PEDAGOGICAL KNOWLEDGE,
25 THE CONTENT KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED FOR EDUCATING, AND THE
26 DISPOSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES NECESSARY TO BE
27 SUCCESSFUL;

1 (c) COURSE WORK THAT PROVIDES CONTENT KNOWLEDGE AS
2 DESCRIBED IN PART 10 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 22, SPECIFICALLY IN
3 TEACHING TO THE STATE CONTENT STANDARDS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
4 SECTION 22-7-1005;

5 (d) COURSE WORK THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE "COLORADO
6 READING TO ENSURE ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT", PART 12 OF
7 ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 22, AND THE FOUNDATIONAL READING SKILLS OF
8 PHONEMIC AWARENESS, PHONICS, VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT, READING
9 FLUENCY, INCLUDING ORAL SKILLS AND READING COMPREHENSION, AND
10 THE SKILLS AND STRATEGIES TO APPLY TO ENSURE THAT EVERY STUDENT
11 LEARNS HOW TO READ. READING COURSE WORK AND CLINICAL PRACTICE
12 OPPORTUNITIES MUST BE A SIGNIFICANT FOCUS FOR TEACHERS PREPARING
13 FOR ENDORSEMENT IN ELEMENTARY, EARLY CHILDHOOD, OR SPECIAL
14 EDUCATION.

15 (e) COURSE WORK THAT PROVIDES EDUCATOR CANDIDATES WITH
16 AN OVERVIEW OF TITLE II OF THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH
17 DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED,
18 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS; SECTION 504 OF THE FEDERAL
19 "REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973", 29 U.S.C. SEC. 701 ET SEQ., AS
20 AMENDED, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS; THE FEDERAL
21 "INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT", 20 U.S.C. SEC. 1400
22 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS;
23 INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
24 22-20-103 (15); AND CHILD FIND, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-20-103 (4),
25 AND THAT TEACHES EDUCATORS EFFECTIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION
26 CLASSROOM PRACTICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INCLUSIVE
27 LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS;

1 (f) INTENTIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, EARLY ON AND
2 THROUGHOUT EDUCATOR PREPARATION, RELATING TO PREDETERMINED
3 STATE CONTENT STANDARDS THAT AFFORD CANDIDATES MULTIPLE
4 INTENTIONAL EXPERIENCES TO LEARN FROM PRACTICE. CLINICAL
5 EXPERIENCES MUST BE ALIGNED WITH EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
6 CURRICULA SO THAT CANDIDATES DEVELOP PEDAGOGICAL SKILLS AND
7 PEDAGOGICAL CONTENT KNOWLEDGE. TEACHER PREPARATION
8 CANDIDATES SHALL COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED HOURS IN
9 CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, AND PRINCIPAL AND ADMINISTRATOR CANDIDATES
10 SHALL COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF THREE HUNDRED HOURS OF CLINICAL
11 EXPERIENCE. A TEACHER CANDIDATE SHALL COMPLETE THE CLINICAL
12 EXPERIENCE HOURS WHILE ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED EDUCATOR
13 PREPARATION PROGRAM; EXCEPT THAT AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION
14 PROGRAM MAY REVIEW AND ACCEPT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE HOURS
15 COMPLETED BEFORE ENROLLING AN EDUCATOR IN THE EDUCATOR
16 PREPARATION PROGRAM. A MAJORITY OF THE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
17 HOURS MUST BE COMPLETED THROUGH A CONTINUOUS CLINICAL
18 PLACEMENT. FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENT OR ADVANCED
19 DEGREE, A CANDIDATE SHALL COMPLETE AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF
20 SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCES THAT RELATE TO PREDETERMINED
21 STATE CONTENT STANDARDS, INCLUDING BEST PRACTICES AND RELEVANT
22 NATIONAL NORMS RELATED TO THE CANDIDATE'S ENDORSEMENTS.

23 (g) A REQUIREMENT THAT EACH TEACHER PREPARATION
24 CANDIDATE IN AN INITIAL LICENSURE PROGRAM COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE
25 SEMESTER OR QUARTER-LENGTH COURSE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
26 TRAINING AND ONE SEMESTER OR QUARTER-LENGTH COURSE IN USING
27 CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND TRAUMA- AND EVIDENCED-INFORMED

1 PRACTICES;

2 (h) A REQUIREMENT THAT EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION
3 CANDIDATE, PRIOR TO GRADUATION, DEMONSTRATE THE SKILLS REQUIRED
4 FOR LICENSURE, AS SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF
5 EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-109 (4), IN THE MANNER
6 SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND

7 (i) A REQUIREMENT THAT EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, TO
8 IMPROVE THEIR OUTCOMES, ENGAGE IN CONTINUOUS EVIDENCE-BASED
9 CYCLES OF REVIEW REGARDING THE IMPACT OF THE EDUCATOR
10 PREPARATION PROGRAMS ON THE CANDIDATES' DEVELOPMENT
11 THROUGHOUT THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM. THE CYCLES MUST
12 INCLUDE DATA ON CURRENT CANDIDATES ENROLLED IN THE EDUCATOR
13 PREPARATION PROGRAM AND AVAILABLE DATA ON EDUCATORS WHO HAVE
14 COMPLETED THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM.

15 (3) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES TO ENSURE THAT EACH
16 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM INCLUDES PROCEDURES TO MONITOR
17 AND IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION
18 PROGRAM, AS WELL AS EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS GRADUATES
19 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-9-105.5, INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM, THE
20 FOLLOWING:

21 (a) PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
22 TO ENSURE THAT THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM MEETS THE
23 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED BY STATE BOARD RULE PURSUANT TO THIS
24 SECTION;

25 (b) A PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTING AND REVIEWING EVALUATIVE
26 DATA CONCERNING THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING
27 PERIODIC SURVEYS OF GRADUATES AND EMPLOYERS, AND EDUCATOR DATA

1 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-112 (1)(q) IN ORDER TO MODIFY
2 THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AS NECESSARY IN RESPONSE TO
3 THE DATA COLLECTED; AND

4 (c) A PROCEDURE FOR REVIEWING THE SCORES ACHIEVED ON THE
5 PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
6 SECTION 22-60.5-203 AND THE DATA CONCERNING MULTIPLE MEASURES
7 OF ASSESSING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
8 SECTION 22-60.5-203 (3)(e) FOR CANDIDATES ENROLLED IN AND
9 GRADUATING FROM THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AND A
10 PROCEDURE FOR MODIFYING THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AS
11 NECESSARY.

12 (4) (a) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW EACH EDUCATOR
13 PREPARATION PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b) OF THIS
14 SECTION AND ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF EACH EDUCATOR
15 PREPARATION PROGRAM THAT ENSURES EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION
16 PROGRAM IS REVIEWED NOT MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE EVERY FIVE
17 YEARS; EXCEPT THAT, IF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM IS PLACED
18 ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR PROBATIONARY STATUS, THE EDUCATOR
19 PREPARATION PROGRAM MUST RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL REVIEW WITHIN
20 THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. A REVIEW
21 OF OR DECISION MADE CONCERNING AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION
22 PROGRAM AFTER IT IS PLACED ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR
23 PROBATIONARY STATUS DOES NOT CHANGE THE DATE OF THE EDUCATOR
24 PREPARATION PROGRAM'S NEXT FIVE-YEAR REVIEW.

25 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (4)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION,
26 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW ANY NEW EDUCATOR PREPARATION
27 PROGRAM NO SOONER THAN TWELVE MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN

1 TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE NEW EDUCATOR PREPARATION
2 PROGRAM IS INITIALLY APPROVED.

3 (III) ANY NEW EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM OR
4 MODIFICATION TO AN EXISTING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM THAT
5 SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIES THE CONTENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCES, OR
6 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM DELIVERY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO
7 THE DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE STATE
8 BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REVIEW OF NEW
9 AND MODIFIED EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

10 (b) EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REVIEW CONDUCTED
11 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST ENSURE THAT THE
12 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
13 ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SECTION. THE
14 REVIEW MUST BE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT EDUCATOR PREPARATION
15 PROGRAMS ARE IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER THAT ENABLES CANDIDATES
16 TO MEET THE QUALITY STANDARDS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-9-103
17 (2.9), AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE ENDORSEMENT ADOPTED
18 BY STATE BOARD RULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-106. THE
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE STATE BOARD THAT AN
20 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM BE APPROVED, PLACED ON
21 CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, PLACED ON PROBATION, OR NOT BE APPROVED
22 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

23 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH EACH
24 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM TO OBTAIN ANY DATA REQUESTED BY
25 THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT
26 PATTERNS, COMPLETION RATES, AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EDUCATOR
27 PREPARATION PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION

1 PROGRAM SHALL, UPON REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT, PREPARE AND
2 SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN REVIEWING
3 THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE
4 DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
5 GOVERNING BOARDS OF EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT
6 OFFERS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS IN SPECIFYING THE
7 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.

8 (d) (I) BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT AN
9 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM NOT BE APPROVED OR THAT IT BE
10 PLACED ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR PROBATION, THE STATE BOARD
11 SHALL DENY APPROVAL, GRANT THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
12 CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, OR PLACE THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION
13 PROGRAM ON PROBATION. THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES
14 SPECIFYING THE PROCEDURES FOR DENYING APPROVAL OR PLACING AN
15 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR
16 PROBATION AND THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE LEVEL OF APPROVAL OF AN
17 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM IS REVIEWED AND CHANGED.

18 (II) AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM THAT THE STATE
19 BOARD PLACES ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL MAY CONTINUE TO ACCEPT
20 NEW CANDIDATES. AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM THAT THE
21 STATE BOARD PLACES ON PROBATION SHALL NOT ACCEPT NEW
22 CANDIDATES UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT REMOVES THE EDUCATOR
23 PREPARATION PROGRAM FROM PROBATIONARY STATUS.

24 (III) IF THE STATE BOARD PLACES AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION
25 PROGRAM ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR PROBATION, THE STATE BOARD
26 SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE
27 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM SHOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE

1 REAPPROVED, CONDITIONALLY APPROVED, PLACED ON PROBATION, OR
2 TERMINATED.

3 (IV) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OFFERING EDUCATOR
4 PREPARATION PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
5 SECTIONS 23-1-107, 23-1-108, AND 23-1-125. A PRIVATE COLLEGE OR
6 UNIVERSITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-2-102 (11), AND OUT-OF-STATE
7 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-2-102 (9), THAT OFFER
8 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS IN COLORADO ARE SUBJECT TO THE
9 REQUIREMENTS IN ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 23 AND RELATED POLICIES OF THE
10 COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION. IN DETERMINING
11 WHETHER TO INITIALLY APPROVE OR CONTINUE THE APPROVAL OF AN
12 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER
13 ANY RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

14 (e) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES TO
15 TERMINATE ANY EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM IF THE PROGRAM DID
16 NOT SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATE ANY CANDIDATES DURING THE PREVIOUS
17 FIVE YEARS.

18 (5) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A FEE OR REIMBURSEMENT
19 MECHANISM TO BE PAID TO THE DEPARTMENT BY AN ENTITY THAT
20 PROVIDES AND APPLIES FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION
21 PROGRAM. THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE OR REIMBURSEMENT MUST REFLECT
22 THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN ADMINISTERING
23 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

24 (6) (a) (I) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT A
25 HIGH-QUALITY TEACHER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN-SCHOOL FACTOR FOR
26 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND THAT STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM SEEING A
27 DIVERSE GROUP OF EDUCATORS IN CLASSROOMS. HOWEVER, THE

1 EDUCATOR WORKFORCE IN COLORADO IS NOT AS DIVERSE AS THE
2 POPULATION OF STUDENTS IT SERVES OR WILL SERVE IN THE FUTURE.

3 (II) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT
4 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS MUST CLEARLY AND
5 TRANSPARENTLY SHOW THE FIRST-TIME PASS RATES OF CANDIDATES ON
6 THE ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-203
7 (3)(a)(I), ESPECIALLY THOSE CANDIDATES WHOSE GENDER, RACE, OR
8 ETHNICITY IS UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE EDUCATOR WORKFORCE, AND
9 THAT DIVERSE EDUCATOR CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE
10 NECESSARY INFORMATION TO DETERMINE WHICH EDUCATOR PREPARATION
11 PROGRAM GIVES THE CANDIDATE THE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS AT
12 BECOMING AN EDUCATOR.

13 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY PREPARE A REPORT CONCERNING THE
15 ENROLLMENT IN, GRADUATION FROM, AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
16 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
17 IN ADDITION, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

18 (I) DATA ON THE OUTCOMES OF GRADUATES OF EDUCATOR
19 PREPARATION PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-112 (1)(q);

20 (II) THE PERCENTAGE OF EDUCATOR CANDIDATES GRADUATING
21 FROM EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM DURING THE PRECEDING
22 TWELVE MONTHS WHO APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED AN INITIAL LICENSE
23 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-201;

24 (III) THE PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES WHO PASSED THE
25 ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-203 (3)(a)(I),
26 INCLUDING THE PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES WHO PASSED THE
27 ASSESSMENT ON THE FIRST ATTEMPT; AND

1 (IV) THE PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES WHO DID NOT TAKE AN
2 ASSESSMENT IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 22-60.5-203 (3)(a)(I) AND INSTEAD
3 SOUGHT LICENSURE THROUGH THE MULTIPLE MEASURE OPTIONS IN
4 SECTION 22-60.5-203 (3)(a)(II) OR (3)(a)(III).

5 (c) FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLETING THE REPORT REQUIRED
6 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT AND
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL SHARE WITH ONE
8 ANOTHER ANY RELEVANT DATA THAT COMPLIES WITH STATE AND FEDERAL
9 REGULATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE
10 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
11 EDUCATION COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

12 (d) ALL DATA AND INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED
13 ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(b) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE
14 DISAGGREGATED BY THE GENDER, RACE, AND ETHNICITY OF THE
15 CANDIDATES AND GRADUATES, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

16 (e) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
17 EDUCATION SHALL POST THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THEIR RESPECTIVE
18 WEBSITES IN THE LOCATION RELATING TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION
19 PROGRAMS AND TEACHER LICENSURE, IF APPLICABLE.

20 (7) THE DEPARTMENT IS ENCOURAGED TO COLLABORATE WITH
21 NATIONAL ACCREDITING BODIES OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
22 AND TO OFFER CONCURRENT AND JOINT SITE VISITS TO EDUCATOR
23 PREPARATION PROGRAMS, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE.

24 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-109, **amend**
25 (1)(g), (1)(h), (1)(i), (3) introductory portion, (4), and (6)(a) introductory
26 portion; and **repeal** (5) and (7) as follows:

27 **22-2-109. State board of education - additional duties - teacher**

1 **standards - principal standards - rules.** (1) The state board of
2 education shall:

3 (g) Adopt rules that prescribe ~~performance-based~~ standards of
4 qualification, preparation, training, or experience that are required for the
5 issuance of all licenses, master certificates, and authorizations, as
6 provided for in article 60.5 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22;

7 (h) Adopt rules that prescribe ~~performance-based~~ standards for
8 endorsements deemed appropriate for each type of license or
9 authorization;

10 (i) Utilize representatives from all levels of education in ~~the~~
11 ~~development of performance-based~~ DEVELOPING standards of
12 qualification, preparation, and experience for all licenses, master
13 certificates, authorizations, and endorsements;

14 (3) ~~On or before July 1, 2000,~~ The state board of education ~~by rule~~
15 shall adopt ~~performance-based teacher licensure~~ BY RULE QUALITY
16 standards, ~~which~~ AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-9-103 (2.9), THAT at a
17 minimum ~~shall~~ MUST include a requirement that each candidate for an
18 initial teacher license ~~shall~~ have and be able to demonstrate the following
19 skills:

20 (4) In adopting the ~~performance-based teacher licensure~~ QUALITY
21 standards pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the state board shall
22 also adopt rules specifying the methods by which a teacher candidate may
23 demonstrate that ~~he or she~~ THE TEACHER CANDIDATE has achieved the
24 specified skills and the manner in which such demonstrations may be
25 documented for submission when the teacher candidate applies for
26 licensure.

27 (5) ~~(a) The state board shall review the content of educator~~

1 preparation programs offered by institutions of higher education within
2 the state. Such review must be designed to ensure that the content of each
3 program is designed and implemented in a manner that will enable a
4 candidate to meet the requirements specified by the state board pursuant
5 to subsection (3) of this section and the requirements for licensure
6 endorsement adopted by rule of the state board pursuant to section
7 22-60.5-106. The state board shall recommend to the Colorado
8 commission on higher education that a program be placed on conditional
9 approval, be placed on probation, or not be approved pursuant to section
10 23-1-121 if it determines that the program content does not meet the
11 requirements specified in subsection (3) of this section or the
12 endorsement requirements.

13 (b) Upon the request of a nonpublic institution that provides an
14 educator preparation program, the state board shall review the content of
15 the program to determine whether the program content is designed and
16 implemented in a manner that will enable a candidate to meet the
17 requirements specified by the state board of education pursuant to
18 subsection (3) of this section, and the requirements for licensure
19 endorsement adopted by rule of the state board pursuant to section
20 22-60.5-106. Upon completion of the review, the state board shall notify
21 the Colorado commission on higher education concerning whether the
22 program content meets said requirements.

23 (6) (a) ~~On or before January 1, 2003;~~ The state board of education
24 ~~by rule shall adopt performance-based principal licensure~~ BY RULE
25 QUALITY standards, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-9-103 (2.9), to guide the
26 development of principal preparation programs. ~~offered by institutions of~~
27 ~~higher education.~~ The state board of education shall develop ~~said~~ THE

1 standards in collaboration with institutions of higher education AND
2 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS that offer principal preparation programs, AND
3 superintendents and local boards of education. ~~and the commission on~~
4 ~~higher education.~~ The state board of education shall ensure that ~~said~~ THE
5 standards are consistent with national standards for principal preparation.
6 ~~Said~~ THE standards must include, but need not be limited to, the
7 following:

8 (7) (a) ~~Beginning with the 2006-07 school year and annually~~
9 ~~thereafter, the state board shall direct the department to survey the~~
10 ~~superintendents of the school districts of the state who employ principals~~
11 ~~who hold a principal authorization or an initial principal license or who~~
12 ~~obtain a professional principal license without first holding an initial~~
13 ~~principal license and who are in their first three years of employment as~~
14 ~~a principal. The department shall base the survey questions on the~~
15 ~~performance-based principal licensure standards adopted by the state~~
16 ~~board pursuant to subsection (6) of this section. The department shall~~
17 ~~design the survey to solicit information by which to measure the quality~~
18 ~~and effectiveness of principal preparation programs and other alternative~~
19 ~~forms of principal preparation and to solicit information from~~
20 ~~superintendents concerning the principal licensure standards.~~

21 (b) ~~Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), the state board~~
22 ~~shall submit annually to the education committees of the house of~~
23 ~~representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, a written~~
24 ~~summary report of the results of the survey conducted pursuant to~~
25 ~~subsection (7)(a) of this section. In submitting the report, the state board~~
26 ~~shall ensure that the report for the current year and the preceding year's~~
27 ~~report, if one exists, are available to the education committees for~~

1 ~~consideration at the biennial joint meeting held pursuant to section~~
2 ~~22-60.5-116.5. The state board shall also submit the report annually to the~~
3 ~~governor, the Colorado commission on higher education, and the~~
4 ~~institutions of higher education that operate principal preparation~~
5 ~~programs.~~

6 ~~(c) The costs incurred by the department in implementing this~~
7 ~~subsection (7) shall be paid from moneys appropriated from the educator~~
8 ~~licensure cash fund created in section 22-60.5-112 (1).~~

9 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-112, **amend**
10 **(1)(q)(I), (1)(q)(II), and (1)(q)(IV) as follows:**

11 **22-2-112. Commissioner - duties - report - legislative**
12 **declaration.** (1) Subject to the supervision of the state board, the
13 commissioner has the following duties:

14 (q) (I) To assist the state board in reviewing the content of
15 educator preparation programs ~~offered by institutions of higher education~~
16 ~~within the state. In so doing, the commissioner shall direct the department~~
17 ~~to collaborate with the department of higher education to prepare~~ IN THE
18 STATE BY PREPARING an annual report on the effectiveness of educator
19 preparation programs.

20 (II) For purposes of this ~~paragraph (q)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(q), the
21 department shall use data collected from an educator in ~~his or her~~ THE
22 EDUCATOR'S first three years of placement as the educator of record.

23 (IV) The department shall ~~work collaboratively with educator~~
24 ~~preparation programs and the department of higher education and~~ make
25 the report prepared pursuant to this ~~paragraph (q)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(q)
26 available to the public on ~~its~~ THE DEPARTMENT'S website no later than
27 thirty days after ~~its~~ THE REPORT'S completion. The department shall share

1 the information with educator preparation programs to inform curriculum
2 and program improvements.

3 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-102, **amend**
4 (8)(a) and (20) as follows:

5 **22-60.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 60.5, unless the
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (8) (a) "Approved program of preparation" means a program of
8 study for preparation that is approved by the ~~Colorado commission on~~
9 ~~higher education~~ DEPARTMENT pursuant to ~~section 23-1-121, C.R.S.,~~
10 SECTION 22-60.5-121 and that upon completion leads to a
11 recommendation for licensure. ~~by an accepted institution of higher~~
12 ~~education.~~

13 (20) "State board of education" OR "STATE BOARD" means the state
14 board of education established by section 1 of article IX of the state
15 constitution.

16 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend**
17 22-60.5-116.5 as follows:

18 **22-60.5-116.5. Education committees - evaluation of educator**
19 **preparation programs - biennial joint meeting.** (1)(a) The EDUCATION
20 committees ~~on education~~ of the house of representatives and the senate,
21 or any successor committees, shall biennially hold a joint meeting to
22 assess the reports received concerning the effectiveness of the approved
23 educator preparation programs ~~offered by accepted institutions of higher~~
24 ~~education~~ in the state. ~~and the reports of the survey of superintendents~~
25 ~~conducted by the department of education and submitted by the state~~
26 ~~board of education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (7).~~

27 (b) At the meeting, the committees shall consider the reports on

1 the review of approved educator preparation programs received from the
2 ~~Colorado commission on higher education pursuant to section 23-1-121~~
3 ~~(6), C.R.S.~~ THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-121. The
4 committees shall take testimony from ~~representatives of the institutions~~
5 ~~of higher education~~ ENTITIES that provide the educator preparation
6 programs, the state board of education, the Colorado commission on
7 higher education, and ~~from~~ any other interested persons. Based on the
8 review of ~~said~~ THE reports and any testimony received, the committees
9 shall assess whether the approved educator preparation programs are
10 adequately preparing candidates to meet the ~~performance-based educator~~
11 ~~licensure~~ QUALITY standards adopted by rule of the state board of
12 education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (3).

13 (c) At the meeting, ~~the committees shall consider the reports of~~
14 ~~the survey of superintendents conducted by the department of education~~
15 ~~and submitted by the state board of education pursuant to section~~
16 ~~22-2-109 (7).~~ The committees shall take testimony from representatives
17 ~~of the institutions of higher education that provide the principal~~
18 ~~preparation programs, the state board of education, the Colorado~~
19 ~~commission on higher education, and from any other interested persons.~~
20 based on the review of ~~said~~ THE reports and any testimony received, the
21 committees shall assess whether the approved principal preparation
22 programs and alternative forms of principal preparation are adequately
23 preparing principal candidates to meet the ~~performance-based principal~~
24 ~~licensure~~ QUALITY standards adopted by rule of the state board of
25 education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (6).

26 (2) If the committees, based on the reports received from ~~the~~
27 ~~Colorado commission on higher education and the state board of~~

1 education, determine that an approved educator preparation program is
2 not adequately preparing licensure candidates, the committees shall
3 instruct the Colorado commission on higher education to reduce the
4 funding received by the institution of higher education that provides the
5 approved educator preparation program during the next fiscal year. The
6 commission shall notify the committees of the amount of ~~said~~ THE
7 reduction prior to introduction of the annual general appropriation bill.

8 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-208.7,
9 **amend** (4) introductory portion as follows:

10 **22-60.5-208.7. Teacher of record program - rules -**
11 **authorization - definition.** (4) To assist the teacher of record in meeting
12 the ~~performance-based teacher licensure~~ QUALITY standards adopted by
13 the state board of education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (3), a teacher of
14 record program must include, at a minimum:

15 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-203, **amend**
16 (6) introductory portion as follows:

17 **22-60.5-203. Assessment of professional competencies -**
18 **multiple measures to assess professional competencies - rules.** (6) For
19 purposes of establishing minimum competency in a licensure
20 endorsement area, the state board of education shall establish minimum
21 course work standards that align with the ~~content~~ QUALITY standards
22 established by the state board of education pursuant to section 22-2-109
23 (3). Attainment of the minimum course work standards may be shown in
24 one of the following ways:

25 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-205, **amend**
26 (2)(c) and (2)(h) as follows:

27 **22-60.5-205. One-year and two-year alternative teacher**

1 **programs - standards and evaluation - duties of department - duties**
2 **of the state board of education - fees - legislative declaration.**

3 (2) Designated agencies are authorized to implement one-year alternative
4 teacher programs or two-year alternative teacher programs, which
5 two-year programs were formerly known as teacher in residence
6 programs, as follows:

7 (c) A designated agency that chooses to implement an alternative
8 teacher program may collaborate and contract with an ~~institution of~~
9 ~~higher education~~ ENTITY that provides an approved educator preparation
10 program. A contract entered into pursuant to this ~~paragraph (c)~~ shall
11 SUBSECTION (2)(c) MUST include, but need not be limited to, the provision
12 of educator preparation courses and subject matter courses as necessary
13 to comply with the educator preparation program requirements
14 established by the ~~Colorado commission on higher education pursuant to~~
15 ~~section 23-1-121, C.R.S.~~ DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION
16 22-60.5-121.

17 (h) An alternative teacher program ~~shall~~ MUST meet the
18 ~~performance-based teacher licensure~~ QUALITY standards adopted by the
19 state board of education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (3).

20 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-119.3, **amend**
21 (6)(c) as follows:

22 **22-2-119.3. Department of education - educator preparation**
23 **program students - record check - fee - definitions.** (6) As used in this
24 section, unless the context otherwise requires:

25 (c) "Educator preparation program" means an approved educator
26 preparation program as defined in ~~section 23-1-121~~ SECTION 22-60.5-121
27 (1)(b).

1 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-1-121.2
2 as follows:

3 **23-1-121.2. Department directive - educator preparation**
4 **pathways - public information.** By October 1, 2020, the department
5 shall post on the department website a description of each of the existing
6 programs and pathways that lead to teacher licensure, including
7 alternative teacher preparation programs AND TEACHER PREPARATION
8 PROGRAMS approved pursuant to article 60.5 of title 22, ~~teacher~~
9 ~~preparation programs approved pursuant to section 23-1-121~~, teacher
10 residency programs, student teacher programs, concurrent enrollment
11 programs, teacher cadet programs, grow your own educator programs
12 established pursuant to section 22-60.5-208.5, and the teaching fellowship
13 programs created pursuant to part 3 of article 78 of this title 23. The
14 department shall annually update the descriptions of programs and
15 pathways.

16 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-2-103.1, **amend**
17 (1)(b) and (1)(d); and **repeal** (1)(c) as follows:

18 **23-2-103.1. Commission - department - duties - limitation -**
19 **reciprocity.** (1) The commission shall:

20 (b) Grant or deny authorizations, renew authorizations, and revoke
21 authorizations pursuant to sections 23-2-103.3 and 23-2-103.4; AND

22 (c) ~~Establish the types and amounts of fees that a private college~~
23 ~~or university or seminary or religious training institution shall pay as~~
24 ~~required in section 23-2-104.5; and~~

25 (d) Establish policies to require private colleges and universities
26 and seminaries and religious training institutions to submit to the
27 department, upon request, data that is directly related to student

1 enrollment and degree completion and, if applicable, student financial aid
2 and educator preparation programs as described in ~~section 23-1-121~~
3 SECTION 22-60.5-121. The director of the commission and an employee
4 of the department of higher education shall not divulge or make known
5 in any way data for individual students or personnel, except in accordance
6 with judicial order or as otherwise provided by law. A person who
7 violates this subsection (1)(d) commits a class 2 misdemeanor and shall
8 be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501, and shall be removed or
9 dismissed from public service on the grounds of malfeasance in office.

10 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-2-104.5, **repeal**
11 (2) as follows:

12 **23-2-104.5. Fees - public hearing.** (2) ~~The commission may~~
13 ~~establish a fee to be paid to the department by a private college or~~
14 ~~university that is authorized pursuant to this article and that applies for~~
15 ~~approval of an educator preparation program pursuant to section 23-1-121~~
16 ~~The amount of the fee shall reflect the direct and indirect costs of the~~
17 ~~department in administering the provisions of section 23-1-121.~~

18 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-901, **amend**
19 (2)(a) as follows:

20 **23-3.3-901. Teach Colorado grant initiative created - award**
21 **of grants - legislative declaration.** (2) As used in this part 9, unless the
22 context otherwise requires:

23 (a) "Approved educator preparation program" means an approved
24 educator preparation program as defined in ~~section 23-1-121 (1)(a)~~
25 SECTION 22-60.5-121 (1)(b).

26 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-101, **amend**
27 (1) as follows:

1 **23-3.9-101. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, unless the context
2 otherwise requires:

3 (1) "Approved program of preparation" means a program of study
4 for preparation that is approved by the ~~Colorado commission on higher~~
5 ~~education~~ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION pursuant to ~~section 23-1-121~~
6 SECTION 22-60.5-121 and that upon completion leads to a
7 recommendation for licensure. ~~by an accepted institution of higher~~
8 ~~education in Colorado.~~

9 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-301, **amend**
10 (2) as follows:

11 **23-3.9-301. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, unless the context
12 otherwise requires:

13 (2) "Approved program of preparation" means an approved
14 educator preparation program, as defined in ~~section 23-1-121 (1)(a)~~
15 SECTION 22-60.5-121 (1)(b), including a preparation program for school
16 counselors, or an alternative teacher program, as defined in section
17 22-60.5-102 (6).

18 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-304, **amend**
19 (1) introductory portion as follows:

20 **23-3.9-304. Reporting requirements.** (1) The department shall
21 include the following data concerning the student educator stipend
22 program and the educator test stipend program in the annual report
23 required in ~~section 23-1-121 (6)(a)~~ SECTION 22-60.5-121 (5):

24 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-401, **amend**
25 (1) as follows:

26 **23-3.9-401. Definitions.** As used in this part 4, unless the context
27 otherwise requires:

1 (1) "Approved program of preparation" means a program of study
2 for preparation that is approved by the ~~Colorado commission on higher~~
3 ~~education~~ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION pursuant to ~~section 23-1-121~~
4 SECTION 22-60.5-121, including a preparation program for school
5 counselors or an alternative teacher program, as defined in section
6 22-60.5-102 (5), and that upon completion leads to a recommendation for
7 licensure. ~~by an accepted institution of higher education, as defined in~~
8 ~~section 22-60.5-102 (1).~~

9 **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-110, **amend**
10 (2) introductory portion as follows:

11 **23-60-110. Teaching career pathway - design.** (2) The teaching
12 career pathway must be aligned with the ~~performance-based teacher~~
13 ~~licensing~~ QUALITY standards adopted by the state board of education
14 pursuant to section 22-2-109 (3). In addition, the pathway must include
15 the following components:

16 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-76-102, **amend**
17 (2) as follows:

18 **23-76-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 76, unless the
19 context otherwise requires:

20 (2) "Educator preparation program" means an educator
21 preparation program approved by the ~~commission~~ DEPARTMENT OF
22 EDUCATION pursuant to ~~section 23-1-121~~ SECTION 22-60.5-121 and that
23 upon completion leads to a recommendation for licensure. ~~by an accepted~~
24 ~~institution of higher education in Colorado.~~

25 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-103, **amend**
26 (2) as follows:

27 **23-78-103. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, unless the context

1 otherwise requires:

2 (2) "Approved educator preparation program" means an educator
3 preparation program for teachers that the ~~commission on higher education~~
4 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION has reviewed pursuant to ~~section 23-1-121~~
5 SECTION 22-60.5-121 and determined meets the ~~performance-based~~
6 MINIMUM standards ~~established by the commission pursuant to section~~
7 ~~23-1-121~~ SET FORTH IN SECTION 22-60.5-121 (2) AND (3) and the
8 requirements of section 23-1-108.

9 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-104, **amend**
10 (2) as follows:

11 **23-78-104. Educator preparation program - best practices -**
12 **guidelines - report.** (2) The department of higher education and the
13 department of education shall jointly prepare a report concerning the
14 identified best practices, the adopted guidelines, and regulatory and
15 legislative recommendations to ensure that the policies and criteria for
16 reviewing and approving educator preparation programs pursuant to
17 ~~sections 22-2-109 (5),~~ SECTIONS 22-60.5-115 (2), 22-60.5-205 (3), and
18 ~~23-1-121~~ 22-60.5-121 align with the identified best practices and are
19 designed to determine the degree to which educator preparation programs
20 are implementing the best practices. On or before January 15, 2020, the
21 departments shall submit the report to the commission, the state board,
22 and the education committees of the house of representatives and the
23 senate, or any successor committees. To the extent necessary, the
24 commission shall amend its guidelines and the state board shall amend its
25 rules to align with the best practices.

26 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-303, **amend**
27 (2) as follows:

1 **23-78-303. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, unless the context
2 otherwise requires:

3 (2) "Approved educator preparation program" has the same
4 meaning as provided in ~~section 23-1-121~~ SECTION 22-60.5-121 (1)(b).

5 **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-307, **amend**
6 (2) introductory portion as follows:

7 **23-78-307. Department of higher education - review of**
8 **agreements - report.** (2) The department of higher education shall
9 review the annual report received concerning each teaching fellowship
10 program and submit an annual summary report to the state board of
11 education, the Colorado commission on higher education, the joint budget
12 committee of the general assembly, and the education committees of the
13 house of representatives and the senate, or any successor committees. The
14 department of higher education shall prepare and submit the summary
15 report annually, notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), as part of
16 the report required in ~~section 23-1-121 (6)~~ SECTION 22-60.5-121 (6). At
17 a minimum, the summary report must include:

18 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 23-1-121.

19 **SECTION 26. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
25 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
26 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.