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STATE OF COLORADO

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HOUSE BILL 24-1290

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION TO REDUCE FINANCIAL BARRIERS
102 FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE EDUCATOR WORKFORCE
103 THROUGH THE STUDENT EDUCATOR STIPEND PROGRAM.

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 requires the general assembly to appropriate money from the state education fund to fund stipends under the student educator stipend program, subject to available appropriations.

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

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-302, **add** (5)
3 as follows:

4 **23-3.9-302. Student educator stipend program - created -**
5 **guidelines - appropriation - legislative declaration - definition -**
6 **repeal.** (5) (a) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT MONEY FROM THE
8 STATE EDUCATION FUND TO FUND STIPENDS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.

9 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT, FOR
10 PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION,
11 AWARDED STIPEND MONEY TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT TO REDUCE THE
12 FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO ENTERING THE EDUCATOR WORKFORCE WHILE
13 THE STUDENT IS A STUDENT EDUCATOR IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT OF
14 ACCOUNTABLE EDUCATION REFORM, ACCOUNTABLE PROGRAMS TO MEET
15 STATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS, AND CLASS SIZE REDUCTION, AND
16 THEREFORE THE DEPARTMENT AND ELIGIBLE STUDENT MAY RECEIVE
17 FUNDING FROM THE STATE EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4)
18 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

19 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
22 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
23 institutions.