

CHAPTER 222

**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**SENATE BILL 00-049**

BY SENATORS Feeley, Blickensderfer, Hernandez, Linkhart, Martinez, Nichol, Phillips, Reeves, Rupert, Sullivan, Tanner, Teck, Thiebaut, Weddig, and Wham; also REPRESENTATIVES Tate, Alexander, Allen, Bacon, Berry, Chavez, Clarke, Coleman, Decker, Fairbank, Gagliardi, Gordon, Gottlieb, Grossman, Hagedorn, Hefley, Kaufman, Keller, King, Larson, Lawrence, Lee, Leyba, Mace, McElhany, Miller, Mitchell, Morrison, Plant, Ragsdale, Saliman, Scott, Smith, Spence, Stengel, Swenson, Takis, Tapia, Taylor, Tochtrop, Tool, Tupa, Veiga, Vigil, Webster, S. Williams, T. Williams, Windels, and Zimmerman.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OBLIGATION OF THE STATE FOR FUNDING SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

**SECTION 1. Additional funding for special education programs for children with disabilities - adjustment in 2000 long bill.** (1) To provide additional funding for special education programs for children with disabilities under section 22-20-114 (1) (b.8), Colorado Revised Statutes, appropriations made in the annual general appropriations act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) The general fund appropriation to the department of education, for public school finance, special education - children with disabilities, is increased by one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000), for the implementation of section 22-20-114 (1) (b.8), Colorado Revised Statutes. Said amount shall be in addition to the amount appropriated for the implementation of such section in House Bill 00-1159, enacted at the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second General Assembly, and shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of said section. If the additional amount appropriated by this paragraph (a) is more than actually needed to fully fund said section 22-20-114 (1) (b.8), the excess amount shall be distributed by the department of education for the regular special education - children with disabilities program in accordance with the provisions of article 20 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(b) The general fund appropriation to the capital construction fund outlined in section 3 (1) (f) is reduced by one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000).

(c) The capital construction fund exempt appropriation to the department of transportation, construction projects, is reduced by one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000).

**SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: May 26, 2000