

CHAPTER 331

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVES PILOT PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 95 to title 22 as follows:

ARTICLE 95**Advanced Placement Incentives Pilot Program**

22-95-101. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115, C.R.S.

(2) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVES PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-95-102.

(3) "RURAL SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN A RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

(4) "RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED TO BE RURAL.

(5) "SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM" MEANS THE FEDERAL "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT" CREATED IN 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.

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

22-95-102. Advanced placement incentives pilot program - creation - administration - teacher incentives. (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVES PILOT PROGRAM TO EXPAND ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES IN RURAL SCHOOLS AND ENHANCE THE PARTICIPATION IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAMS BY STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.

(2) ONLY A RURAL SCHOOL MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM, AND THE PILOT PROGRAM IS ANNUALLY LIMITED TO THE FIRST FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE STUDENTS FROM RURAL SCHOOLS. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM, A RURAL SCHOOL MUST:

(a) REQUIRE ALL TENTH-GRADE STUDENTS TO TAKE A PRECOLLEGIATE ENTRANCE EXAM TO HELP IDENTIFY STUDENTS WITH THE POTENTIAL TO PASS AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM; AND

(b) HAVE AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM WITH AT LEAST ONE ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASS IN THE AREA OF MATH, SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, OR ENGLISH. A RURAL SCHOOL OR RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY OFFER AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASS OR PROGRAM ON-LINE. IF A CLASS IS OFFERED ON-LINE, THE RURAL SCHOOL OR RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL DESIGNATE AN ON-SITE MENTOR FOR STUDENT SUPPORT. THE MENTOR IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TEACHER INCENTIVES PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS TAKEN, FOR EACH STUDENT WHO COMPLETES AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASS AND WHO SUBSEQUENTLY TAKES THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO THE RURAL SCHOOL FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO BE USED FOR:

(a) IMPLEMENTING A SCHOOL-WIDE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM, INCLUDING ENHANCING ON-LINE ACCESS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS THAT HAVE LIMITED ACCESS;

(b) PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST TEACHERS IN LEARNING INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES AND BOLSTERING ADVANCED PLACEMENT CONTENT KNOWLEDGE;

(c) PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ADMINISTRATORS CONCERNING THE CONTENT REQUIRED IN NONADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES TO HELP STUDENTS PREPARE FOR FUTURE SUCCESS IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES;

(d) PAYING THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE FOR EACH STUDENT WHO TAKES THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM AND PARTICIPATES IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, UNLESS THE EXAM FEE IS COVERED BY A FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM; AND

(e) PROVIDING TO A TEACHER OR MENTOR OF AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASS A BONUS OF FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EACH STUDENT WHO COMPLETES THE TEACHER'S OR MENTOR'S ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASS AND TAKES THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM; EXCEPT THAT TEACHER OR MENTOR MAY NOT RECEIVE MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR IN BONUSES PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (e).

(4) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2014, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND

MAKE AVAILABLE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

22-95-103. Funding. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT, FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, THE PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS ARTICLE IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF AN ACCOUNTABLE PROGRAM TO MEET STATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND, THEREFORE, MAY BE FUNDED FROM MONEYS IN THE STATE EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

22-95-104. Notice by department of upcoming repeal. ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 30, 2017, BUT NOT EARLIER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2017, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A NOTICE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM'S UPCOMING 2018 REPEAL DATE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

22-95-105. Repeal of article. THIS ARTICLE IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state education fund created in section 17 (4) (a) of article IX of the state constitution, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of education, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum of \$261,561 and 0.3 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be allocated to professional development and instructional support programs for the implementation of this act as follows:

- (a) \$22,734 and 0.3 FTE for personal services;
- (b) \$1,327 for operating expenses; and
- (c) \$237,500 for incentive awards.

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

Approved: June 5, 2014