

**22-54-131. Full-day kindergarten funding - guidelines - technical assistance - legislative intent - legislative declaration.** (1) A district that, prior to the 2008-09 budget year, offered a full-day kindergarten program without additional state funding to some or all of the kindergarten pupils enrolled in the district is encouraged to use the moneys received from supplemental kindergarten enrollment pursuant to section 22-54-103 (7)(d) and hold-harmless full-day kindergarten funding pursuant to section 22-54-130 in the 2008-09 budget year and each budget year thereafter to expand the district's existing full-day kindergarten program rather than to defray the costs of the existing full-day kindergarten program.

(2) In offering a full-day kindergarten program with the moneys received from supplemental kindergarten enrollment pursuant to section 22-54-103 (7)(d) and hold-harmless full-day kindergarten funding pursuant to section 22-54-130, a district is encouraged to follow the basic program standards established by the state board pursuant section 22-28-108 for the Colorado preschool program, as they may apply to a full-day kindergarten program.

(3) In offering a full-day kindergarten program with the moneys received from supplemental kindergarten enrollment pursuant to section 22-54-103 (7)(d) and hold-harmless full-day kindergarten funding pursuant to section 22-54-130, a district is encouraged to prioritize children who are homeless when enrolling children in the full-day kindergarten program.

(4) A district shall use the total amount received from supplemental kindergarten enrollment pursuant to section 22-54-103 (7)(d) and hold-harmless full-day kindergarten funding pursuant to section 22-54-130 to provide access to a full-day kindergarten program; except that in any budget year, if a district provides a full day of kindergarten to at least ninety percent of the pupils enrolled in kindergarten in the district who choose to attend a full day of kindergarten, the district may use the moneys from supplemental kindergarten enrollment and hold-harmless full-day kindergarten funding for purposes other than to provide access to a full-day kindergarten program.

(5) (a) Upon the request of a district, the department shall provide, subject to available resources, such technical assistance as may be necessary for the implementation of a full-day kindergarten program and for ongoing training of personnel for the successful implementation of the program.

(b) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that for the purposes of section 17 of article IX of the state constitution, providing technical assistance to districts for the implementation of a full-day kindergarten program and for ongoing training of personnel for the successful implementation of a full-day kindergarten program will expand the availability of kindergarten programs and may therefore receive funding from the state education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state constitution.

(6) **Beginning in the 2009-10 budget year and continuing through the 2013-14 budget year, it is the intent of the general assembly to increase annually the**

**appropriation to be used by districts to provide full-day kindergarten programs. For each budget year, the general assembly intends to appropriate the following amounts:**

- (a) For the 2009-10 budget year, sixty million dollars;**
- (b) For the 2010-11 budget year, seventy million dollars;**
- (c) For the 2011-12 budget year, eighty million dollars;**
- (d) For the 2012-13 budget year, ninety million dollars; and**
- (e) For the 2013-14 budget year, one hundred million dollars.**