

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

HB23-1231 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3           **"SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-2-146.5 as  
4 follows:

5           **22-2-146.5 Department of education - improving mathematics**  
6 **outcomes - report - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS  
7 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8           (a) "CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET  
9 FORTH IN SECTION 22-20-103.

10           (b) "EVIDENCE-BASED" MEANS THE INSTRUCTION OR ITEM  
11 DESCRIBED IS BASED ON RELIABLE, TRUSTWORTHY, AND VALID EVIDENCE  
12 THAT THE INSTRUCTION OR ITEM SHOWS PROMISE OR HAS DEMONSTRATED  
13 A RECORD OF SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO  
14 MATHEMATICS.

15           (c) "MATHEMATICS INTERVENTIONIST" MEANS A LICENSED  
16 TEACHER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORTING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT  
17 IN THE AREA OF MATHEMATICS.

18           (2) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISBURSE FUNDS TO SCHOOL  
19 DISTRICTS, DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND INSTITUTE CHARTER  
20 SCHOOLS TO HIRE MATHEMATICS INTERVENTIONISTS TO PROVIDE  
21 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTS TO STUDENTS IN PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
22 THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE TO IMPROVE MATHEMATICS OUTCOMES, WITH  
23 A FOCUS ON STUDENTS WHO ARE BELOW GRADE LEVEL OR STRUGGLING IN  
24 MATHEMATICS, CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, OR STUDENTS WHO ARE  
25 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.

26           (b) SCHOOL DISTRICTS, DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND  
27 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT  
28 STATING HOW THE FUNDS WILL BE USED AND WHETHER THE SCHOOL  
29 DISTRICT, DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL, OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL  
30 CURRENTLY EMPLOYS BUT DOES NOT HAVE AVAILABLE FUNDING TO  
31 CONTINUE THE EMPLOYMENT OF A MATHEMATICS INTERVENTIONIST OR  
32 LICENSED STAFF PERSON TO PROVIDE MATHEMATICS SUPPORTS TO  
33 STUDENTS OR DOES NOT HAVE AVAILABLE FUNDING TO HIRE A  
34 MATHEMATICS INTERVENTIONIST OR LICENSED STAFF PERSON TO PROVIDE  
35 MATHEMATICS SUPPORTS TO STUDENTS.

36           (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FIRST CONSIDER AND DISBURSE  
37 FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND  
38 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT  
39 AND PROVIDE IN THE PLAN THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DISTRICT CHARTER  
40 SCHOOL, OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE AVAILABLE

1 FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE EMPLOYMENT OF OR HIRE MATHEMATICS  
2 INTERVENTIONISTS OR LICENSED STAFF PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE  
3 MATHEMATICS SUPPORTS TO STUDENTS.

4 (d) SCHOOL DISTRICTS, DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND  
5 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE  
6 DEPARTMENT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION SHALL COLLECT DATA ON  
7 THE NUMBER OF MATHEMATICS INTERVENTIONISTS OR LICENSED STAFF  
8 PEOPLE EMPLOYED, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED, AND HOW PLAN  
9 OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN MET.

10 (e) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A TIMELINE TO RECEIVE  
11 PLANS AND TO DISBURSE FUNDS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, DISTRICT CHARTER  
12 SCHOOLS, AND INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS.

13 (3) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2025, SCHOOL DISTRICTS,  
14 DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL  
15 REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE DATA COLLECTED PURSUANT TO  
16 SUBSECTION (2)(d) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (b) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT  
18 A REPORT SUMMARIZING THE DATA REPORTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
19 (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES,  
21 AND THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE.

22 (4) FOR THE 2023-24 BUDGET YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
23 SHALL APPROPRIATE TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT  
24 FROM THE GENERAL FUND. THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO  
25 SPEND FUNDS CONTINUOUSLY THROUGH THE 2026-27 BUDGET YEAR FOR  
26 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. ANY UNEXPENDED OR UNENCUMBERED  
27 MONEY THAT REMAINS AT THE END OF THE 2026-27 BUDGET YEAR  
28 REVERTS BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND.

29 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
30 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
31 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."

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