

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

April 25, 2025

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1278 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Education Committee Report, dated March 26, 2025, page 1,
2 line 1, strike "(1)(d)," and substitute "(1)(d), (2)(b),".

3 Page 1, line 6, strike "at the request of a local education provider," and
4 substitute "~~at the request of a local education provider~~".

5 Page 1, after line 14 insert:

6 "(2) (b) The department of education shall select and the state
7 shall pay the costs of administering an assessment that is administered
8 throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher
9 education, referred to in this section as the "curriculum-based,
10 achievement college entrance exam". Every five years, the department OF
11 EDUCATION shall request competitive bids and contract for the
12 curriculum-based, achievement college entrance exam. At a minimum,
13 the curriculum-based, achievement college entrance exam must test in the
14 areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science. Each local education
15 provider shall administer the curriculum-based achievement college
16 entrance exam for students enrolled in eleventh grade. ~~The local~~
17 ~~education provider shall administer the writing portion of the~~
18 ~~curriculum-based, achievement college entrance exam to each student~~
19 ~~who requests the opportunity to take the writing portion. The department~~
20 ~~shall pay the costs of administering the writing portion of the exam~~".

21 Page 1 of the report, strike lines 16 through 19 and substitute:

22 "Page 4 of the printed bill, strike lines 18 through 21 and substitute
23 "EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS

1 ON HOW TO DIVIDE EACH STATE ASSESSMENT INTO SMALLER SECTIONS,
2 WITH AGE-APPROPRIATE TIME FRAMES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
3 WHO HAVE AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, AS DEFINED IN
4 SECTION 22-20-103, OR A SECTION 504 PLAN, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
5 22-20-123. THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS
6 SUBSECTION (3)(e).." .

7 Page 2 of the report, after line 23 insert:

8 "Page 5 of the printed bill, lines 16 and 17 strike "AS SOON AS
9 PRACTICABLE BUT NO LATER THAN JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR," and substitute
10 "NO LATER THAN JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR OR AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE,"..".

11 Page 9 of the report, line 30, before "(4)," insert "(2.7),".

12 Page 10 of the report, after line 27 insert:

13 "(2.7) FOR THE 2024-25 AND 2025-26 BUDGET YEARS, THE
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL, WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES, COMPLY WITH
15 SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (4) OF THIS SECTION. FOR THE 2026-27 BUDGET
16 YEAR, AND FOR BUDGET YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
17 SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ADDITIONAL
18 RESOURCES THROUGH THE ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS.".

19 Page 16 of the report, strike lines 27 through 34 and substitute:

20 "Page 38 of the printed bill, line 3, strike "NOVEMBER 1, 2026," and
21 substitute "NOVEMBER 1, 2027,".

22 Page 38 of the printed bill, strike lines 8 through 27.

23 Page 39 of the printed bill, strike line 1.

24 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.".

25 Page 17 of the report, strike lines 1 and 2.

26 Page 17 of the report, strike lines 5 through 19 and substitute:

27 "Page 39 of the printed bill, strike lines 13 through 27.

28 Strike page 40 of the printed bill.

1 Page 41 of the printed bill, strike lines 1 through 19.

2 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.".

3 Page 25 of the report, strike line 3 and substitute:

4 "receipt or expenditure of public funds.

5 **SECTION 21. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

6 (1) To implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the state
7 education fund created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state
8 constitution made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26
9 state fiscal year to the department of education for the statewide
10 assessment program is reduced by \$456,000.

11 (2) To implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in
12 the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to
13 the department of education for use by school quality and support for the
14 local accountability system grant program is reduced by \$81,000.

15 (3) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$559,187 is appropriated to
16 the department of education for use by school quality and support. This
17 appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that
18 the division will require an additional 3.4 FTE. To implement this act, the
19 division may use this appropriation for accountability and improvement
20 planning.

APPROPRIATION FROM						
ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

SECTION 22. Appropriation to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. In Session Laws of Colorado 2024, section 2 of chapter 519, (HB 24-1390), **amend** Part IV (6)(A) and the affected totals as Part IV and the affected totals are amended by Session Laws of Colorado 2024, section 15 of chapter 133, (HB 24-1390), as and the affected totals are amended by section 4 of SB 25-113, and as Part IV and the affected totals are amended by section 1 of SB 25-091, and as Part IV and the affected totals are ended by section 8 of SB 25-206 as follows:

Section 2. Appropriation.

PART IV

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(6) SCHOOL QUALITY AND SUPPORT

(A) Accountability and Transformation

Longitudinal Analyses of

Student Assessment Results 620,960

620,960

Accountability and Improvement Planning	2,384,189	1,318,920	1,065,269(I)
		(5.1 FTE)	(10.0 FTE)

		APPROPRIATION FROM					
	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Local Accountability						
2	System Grant Program	492,784		492,784			
3		411,784		411,784			
4			(0.4 FTE)				
5	School Transformation						
6	Grant Program	8,091,187		6,078,660		2,012,527 ^a	
7			(2.8 FTE)			(1.2 FTE)	
8	Federal School						
9	Transformation						
10	Administration and Support	769,725					769,725(I)
11							(4.2 FTE)
12	Educator Perception	25,000		25,000			
13		42,383,845					
14		12,302,845					
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APPROPRIATION FROM						
ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

1 ^a This amount shall be from the State Education Fund created in Section 17 (4)(a) of Article IX of the State Constitution. Pursuant to Section 17 (3) of Article IX of the State Constitution,
 2 appropriations from the State Education Fund are not subject to the limitation on fiscal year spending set forth in Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

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5 **TOTALS PART IV**

6 **(EDUCATION)** \$7,492,190,177 \$3,294,609,034 \$1,248,839,667^a \$1,973,866,374^b

7 \$7,492,109,177 \$3,294,528,034

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9 ^a This amount shall be from the General Fund Exempt Account created in Section 24-77-103.6 (2), C.R.S.

10 ^b Of this amount, \$5,427,742 contains an (I) notation.

11 ^c Of this amount, \$43,900,000 contains an (I) notation.

12 ^d This amount contains an (I) notation.

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- 1 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.
- 2 Page 25 of the report, strike lines 8 through 10 and substitute:

3 "Page 1 of the bill, line 102, strike "SYSTEM." and substitute "SYSTEM,
4 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN
5 APPROPRIATION."".

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