

Second Regular Session  
Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

**REREVISED**

*This Version Includes All Amendments  
Adopted in the Second House*

LLS NO. 26-0887.02 Conrad Imel x2313

**HOUSE BILL 26-1358**

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**House Committees**  
Appropriations

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COLORADO**  
102 **ACADEMIC ACCELERATOR GRANT PROGRAM.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill reduces an appropriation for the Colorado academic accelerator grant program.

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 16, 2026

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 15, 2026

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 11, 2026

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 9, 2026

1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-146.6, **amend**  
2 (9) as follows:

3           **22-2-146.6. Colorado academic accelerator grant program -**  
4 **report - rules - definitions - repeal.**

5           (9) (a) ~~For the 2023-24 budget year, the general assembly shall~~  
6 ~~appropriate twenty-four million five hundred thousand dollars to the~~  
7 ~~department.~~ The department ~~shall have~~ HAS the authority to spend funds  
8 APPROPRIATED FOR THE 2023-24 BUDGET YEAR continuously through the  
9 2026-27 budget year for the purposes of this section. Any unexpended  
10 funds that remain at the end of the 2026-27 budget year revert back to the  
11 general fund.

12           (b) THIS SUBSECTION (9) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31,  
13 2027.

14           **SECTION 2.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2023, **amend** section  
15 15 introductory portion and section 15(b) of chapter 190 (HB 23-1231) as  
16 follows:

17           Section 15. **Appropriation.** For the 2023-24 state fiscal year,  
18 ~~\$26,694,530~~ \$21,494,530 is appropriated to the department of education.  
19 This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
20 department may use this appropriation as follows:

21           (b) ~~\$24,500,000~~ \$19,300,000 for the Colorado academic  
22 accelerator grant program, which amount is based on an assumption that  
23 the department will require an additional 2.6 FTE; and

24           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.