

## CHAPTER 168

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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HOUSE BILL 26-1354

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sirota and Taggart, Brown;  
also SENATOR(S) Amabile and Bridges, Kirkmeyer.**AN ACT****CONCERNING REPEALING A SCIENCE TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:***SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-146.8, **amend** (4)(b); and **add** (5) as follows:**22-2-146.8. Department of education - improving science outcomes - teacher professional development - report - appropriation - legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.**

(4) (b) ~~For the 2024-25 budget year, the general assembly shall appropriate three million dollars from the state education fund to the department. Any money appropriated pursuant to this section~~ FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR that is not expended prior to July 1, 2025, remains available for expenditure for the same purpose in the 2026-27 budget year without further appropriation. At the end of the 2026-27 budget year, the money that is unexpended or unencumbered reverts to the state education fund.

(5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

**SECTION 2.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2024, **amend** section 3 of chapter 239 (HB 24-1446) as follows:

Section 3. **Appropriation.** For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the department of education for use by student learning. This appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17

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(4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for professional development for science teachers.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

Approved: May 27, 2026