

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 6, 2024
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

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

SB24-142 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

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

3 **"SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-21.5-102, **amend**
4 (1) introductory portion, (1)(b), (2), and (3); and **add** (1)(a.5), (1)(c.3),
5 (1)(c.5), and (1)(e.5) as follows:

6 **25-21.5-102. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
7 **hereby** finds and declares that:

8 (a.5) UNTREATED DENTAL DECAY IN CHILDREN ADVERSELY
9 AFFECTS SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND BEHAVIOR AND CONTRIBUTES TO
10 OVERALL PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH COMPLICATIONS FOR AFFECTED
11 CHILDREN.

12 ~~(b) Forty percent of children in kindergarten and fifty-five percent~~
13 ~~of children in third grade have a history of dental decay~~ UNTREATED
14 DENTAL DECAY IS THE MOST COMMON CHRONIC DISEASE OF CHILDHOOD,
15 AND MORE THAN HALF OF CHILDREN SIX YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER BUT
16 UNDER NINE YEARS OF AGE HAVE HAD A CAVITY IN AT LEAST ONE OF THEIR
17 PRIMARY TEETH.

18 (c.3) SCREENING AND PREVENTION ARE ESSENTIAL TO BREAKING
19 THE CYCLE OF DENTAL DECAY.

20 (c.5) IMPROVED DENTAL SCREENING AND PREVENTION COULD
21 REDUCE TREATMENT COSTS FOR FAMILIES AND STATE-FINANCED
22 PROGRAMS LIKE THE "COLORADO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACT", ARTICLES
23 4, 5, AND 6 OF TITLE 25.5, AND THE "CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN
24 ACT", ARTICLE 8 OF TITLE 25.5, WHICH COVER APPROXIMATELY
25 ONE-THIRD OF COLORADO KIDS.

26 (e.5) IMPROVED ORAL HEALTH SCREENING AND PREVENTION, WITH
27 REFERRAL FOR TREATMENT, WOULD REDUCE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM AND

1 IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF AND LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR
2 COLORADO CHILDREN.

3 (2) The general assembly further finds that improving access to
4 ORAL HEALTH SCREENING, oral health-care services, and fluoridated water
5 for all Coloradans, particularly low-income Coloradans, will reduce the
6 burden of oral disease. Therefore, the Colorado oral health COMMUNITY
7 GRANTS program dedicates itself to improving access to oral health-care
8 SCREENING AND services by working with PUBLIC SCHOOLS, community
9 stakeholders, professional organizations, and direct recipients of oral
10 health care to remove barriers to access to oral health care.

11 (3) The purpose of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 21.5 is to promote the
12 public health and welfare of Coloradans by providing a grant program to:

13 (a) CONDUCT ORAL HEALTH SCREENING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
14 CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN OR THIRD GRADE;

15 ~~(a)~~ (b) Provide oral health services, including sealants, to school
16 children; and

17 ~~(b)~~ (c) Assist communities in attaining optimal levels of fluoride
18 in drinking water provided by community water systems as a means of
19 preventing dental decay.

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-21.5-103
21 as follows:

22 **25-21.5-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 21.5,
23 unless the context otherwise requires:

24 (1) ~~Repeated:~~ "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
25 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

26 (2) ~~"Department" means the department of public health and~~
27 ~~environment~~ "DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF
28 EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-115.

29 (3) ~~Repeated:~~ "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL
30 DISTRICT, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT
31 PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, A CHARTER SCHOOL
32 AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO
33 PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE
34 DEAF AND THE BLIND DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-80-102, OR A BOARD OF
35 COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
36 5 OF TITLE 22.

37 (4) "ORAL HEALTH SCREENER" OR "SCREENER" MEANS A PERSON
38 OR PERSONS SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ORAL HEALTH
39 SCREENING UNDER THE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM.

40 (5) "ORAL HEALTH SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM" OR "PILOT
41 PROGRAM" MEANS THE PROGRAM TO AWARD ORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY
42 GRANTS FOR ORAL HEALTH SCREENING CREATED IN SECTION 25-21.5-104
43 (3).

1 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-21.5-104, **amend**
2 (1); and **add** (2)(c) and (3) as follows:

3 **25-21.5-104. Oral health community grants program - oral**
4 **health screening pilot program - rules - repeal.** (1) Subject to available
5 appropriations, the department shall administer a grant program to assist
6 communities with:

7 (a) SCREENING PUBLIC SCHOOLCHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN OR
8 THIRD GRADE FOR DENTAL DECAY PURSUANT TO THE ORAL HEALTH
9 SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM;

10 ~~(a)~~(b) Implementing population-based, evidence-based strategies,
11 including administering school dental sealant programs, to prevent dental
12 decay in children;

13 ~~(b)~~ (c) Assisting water systems, operators, and personnel,
14 including water districts, with adjusting the level of fluoride in drinking
15 water to optimal levels as a means of preventing dental decay in both
16 children and adults; and

17 ~~(c)~~ (d) Other oral health evidence-based programs that the
18 department identifies and deems eligible for assistance.

19 (2) Subject to criteria that the department may establish, including
20 the types of providers to whom the department may award grants, the
21 department shall award grants in the following categories:

22 (c) ORAL HEALTH SCREENING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLCHILDREN IN
23 KINDERGARTEN OR THIRD GRADE PURSUANT TO THE ORAL HEALTH
24 SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM.

25 (3) (a) THERE IS CREATED THE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING PILOT
26 PROGRAM TO AWARD ORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY GRANTS TO IMPLEMENT
27 ORAL HEALTH SCREENING FOR CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN OR THIRD
28 GRADE. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT
29 SHALL AWARD AT LEAST FIVE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING GRANTS TO
30 SCREENERs FOR ORAL HEALTH SCREENING ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS OF
31 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM
32 AMONG INTERESTED LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS. THE PURPOSE OF THE
33 PILOT PROGRAM IS TO:

34 (I) PROVIDE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING TO STUDENTS OF LOCAL
35 EDUCATION PROVIDERS IN KINDERGARTEN OR THIRD GRADE IN A MANNER
36 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SELECTED
37 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER AND AN ORAL HEALTH SCREENER;

38 (II) PROVIDE A STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN WITH THE
39 RESULT OF THE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING, INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL
40 RESOURCES AND, FOR A STUDENT WITH IDENTIFIED ORAL HEALTH
41 CONCERNS, A REFERRAL TO SERVICES;

42 (III) COLLECT DATA AND INFORMATION RELATING TO ORAL
43 HEALTH SCREENING OF STUDENTS IN ORDER TO REPORT ON:

1 (A) THE ORAL HEALTH STATUS OF STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN OR
2 THIRD GRADE, AS APPLICABLE; AND
3 (B) THE EFFICACY OF ORAL HEALTH SCREENING ACTIVITIES IN
4 PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND
5 (IV) IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES FOR IMPLEMENTING ORAL HEALTH
6 SCREENING ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE FINANCIAL
7 RESOURCES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ORAL HEALTH SCREENING
8 ACTIVITIES STATEWIDE TO ALL STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN OR THIRD
9 GRADE NOT ALREADY SERVED BY AN ORAL HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM.
10 (b) (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH
11 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE
12 DEPARTMENT NOTIFYING THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER ABOUT THE
13 OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM. FOR EACH LOCAL
14 EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT DEMONSTRATES INTEREST IN THE PILOT
15 PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE
16 DEPARTMENT WITH DATA AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCAL
17 EDUCATION PROVIDER, INCLUDING:
18 (A) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION
19 PROVIDER, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN, THE NUMBER OF
20 STUDENTS IN THIRD GRADE, AND THE ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF STUDENTS
21 IN THOSE GRADES DURING THE PILOT PROGRAM PERIOD;
22 (B) THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADDRESS FOR THE LOCAL EDUCATION
23 PROVIDER, THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN WHICH THE LOCAL EDUCATION
24 PROVIDER IS LOCATED, AND WHETHER THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER
25 IS LOCATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN A FRONTIER AREA OF THE STATE; AND
26 (C) WHETHER THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER IS CLASSIFIED BY
27 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BY SIZE AND GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION AS
28 A SMALL RURAL, RURAL, SUBURBAN, OR URBAN LOCAL EDUCATION
29 PROVIDER.
30 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT LOCAL EDUCATION
31 PROVIDERS IN THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM FROM
32 AMONG INTERESTED LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS THAT DO NOT
33 ALREADY HAVE AN IN-SCHOOL ORAL SCREENING PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY
34 GRADES IN ANY SCHOOL OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER. A PILOT
35 PROGRAM SITE MAY INCLUDE A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER OR A SCHOOL
36 OR SCHOOLS OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER.
37 (III) IN SELECTING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS, THE
38 DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, LOCAL
39 EDUCATION PROVIDERS THAT REPRESENT A VARIETY OF SCHOOL SETTINGS,
40 INCLUDING LARGE AND SMALL LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS IN URBAN,
41 SUBURBAN, RURAL, AND FRONTIER AREAS OF THE STATE, WITH PRIORITY
42 GIVEN TO SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS WHO ARE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE
43 HIGHER RATES OF UNDETECTED ORAL HEALTH CONCERNS.

1 (c) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH A PARTICIPATING
2 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, SHALL APPROVE THE ORAL HEALTH
3 SCREENER OR SCREENERS FOR A PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION
4 PROVIDER. AT A MINIMUM, A SCREENER MUST:
5 (I) HAVE A PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL ISSUED BY THE DIVISION OF
6 PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY
7 AGENCIES THAT QUALIFIES THE INDIVIDUAL TO CONDUCT AN ORAL HEALTH
8 SCREENING;
9 (II) REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO
10 SCHOOL-BASED PARTICIPATION CRITERIA, AS DETERMINED BY THE
11 DEPARTMENT, OR BE AN ORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDER AT A
12 SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER;
13 (III) CONDUCT A VISUAL AND MANUAL INSPECTION OF THE MOUTH
14 THAT IS PERFORMED TO IDENTIFY PROBABLE ORAL DISEASE OR OTHER
15 ORAL CONDITIONS OR RISK FACTORS THAT MAY REQUIRE MANAGEMENT BY
16 ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS;
17 (IV) HAVE EXPERIENCE DELIVERING AND MANAGING ORAL HEALTH
18 SCREENING WITH RELIABLE AND CONSISTENT RESULTS;
19 (V) HAVE THE ABILITY TO REPORT SCREENING OUTCOMES FOR
20 STUDENTS, INCLUDING EXPEDITED REFERRALS FOR EMERGENT ORAL
21 HEALTH CONCERNS, AND PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND
22 REFERRALS FOR IDENTIFIED ORAL HEALTH CONCERNS; AND
23 (VI) COLLECT AND REPORT RELEVANT PILOT PROGRAM DATA TO
24 THE DEPARTMENT FOR PURPOSES OF ORAL HEALTH DISEASE SURVEILLANCE
25 AND PILOT PROGRAM EVALUATION.
26 (d) AN ORAL HEALTH SCREENING MUST:
27 (I) BE CONDUCTED AT THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION
28 PROVIDER IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT;
29 (II) BE CONDUCTED BY A SCREENER WHO MEETS THE
30 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS SECTION; AND
31 (III) UTILIZE AN EVIDENCE-BASED SCREENING TOOL TO CONDUCT
32 THE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(e) OF THIS
33 SECTION.
34 (e) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT ONE OR MORE APPROPRIATE
35 SCREENING TOOLS FOR USE BY SCREENERS THAT:
36 (I) ENSURE CONSISTENT AND COMPARABLE DATA COLLECTION
37 THAT SUPPORTS THE EVALUATION OF PILOT PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS,
38 LONGITUDINAL ASSESSMENT OF CHILD ORAL HEALTH IN THE AGGREGATE,
39 AND PROPOSALS FOR THE DESIGN AND FINANCING OF AN EXPANDED ORAL
40 HEALTH SCHOOL SCREENING PROGRAM;
41 (II) ACCURATELY AND RELIABLY IDENTIFY STUDENTS AT RISK OF
42 DENTAL DECAY;
43 (III) ARE DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE; AND

1 (IV) ARE ECONOMICAL TO ADMINISTER IN TIME AND COST.

2 (f) A PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL PROVIDE
3 WRITTEN NOTICE TO A STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, AS
4 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER,
5 THAT ORAL HEALTH SCREENING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE SCHOOL. AT
6 A MINIMUM, THE WRITTEN NOTICE MUST INCLUDE:

7 (I) THE PURPOSE OF THE SCREENING;

8 (II) THE SCREENER SELECTED TO CONDUCT THE ORAL HEALTH
9 SCREENING;

10 (III) A STATEMENT THAT THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN WILL
11 BE NOTIFIED FOLLOWING ANY ORAL HEALTH SCREENING IF ADDITIONAL
12 RESOURCES OR SERVICE REFERRALS ARE NECESSARY TO ADDRESS ANY
13 CONCERNS REGARDING THE STUDENT'S ORAL HEALTH; AND

14 (IV) A STATEMENT NOTIFYING THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
15 THAT THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE
16 PARTICIPATION BY THE STUDENT IN THE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING, FOR NO
17 REASON OR BECAUSE THE STUDENT HAS RECEIVED AN ORAL HEALTH
18 SCREENING WITHIN THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE
19 ORAL HEALTH SCREENING, AND THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON HOW TO
20 REFUSE PARTICIPATION BY THE STUDENT IN THE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING.

21 (g) IF, AFTER CONDUCTING THE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING, THE
22 SCREENER BELIEVES THAT A STUDENT IS IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
23 FROM AN ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, THE SCREENER SHALL PROMPTLY
24 NOTIFY THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND THE LOCAL
25 EDUCATION PROVIDER.

26 (h) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION COLLECTED FOR OR
27 BY THE SCREENER IS SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL "HEALTH INSURANCE
28 PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996", PUB.L. 104-191, AS
29 AMENDED. THE SCREENER IS THE CUSTODIAN OF ALL RECORDS ASSOCIATED
30 WITH THE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING. THE SCREENER SHALL NOT DISCLOSE
31 RECORDS OR INFORMATION WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT FROM A
32 STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. ALL PARTIES SUBJECT TO THE
33 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE
34 REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF
35 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED; SECTION 504 OF THE
36 FEDERAL "REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973", 29 U.S.C. SEC. 794, AS
37 AMENDED; TITLE VI OF THE FEDERAL "CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964", 42
38 U.S.C. SEC. 2000d ET SEQ., AS AMENDED; AND THE FEDERAL "FAMILY
39 EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. SEC. 1232g,
40 AS AMENDED.

41 (i) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
42 HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING TO IDENTIFY A PROCESS FOR
43 REIMBURSEMENT, AS PROVIDED UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, FOR AN

1 ORAL HEALTH SCREENING PROVIDED TO A STUDENT COVERED BY THE
2 "COLORADO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACT", ARTICLES 4, 5, AND 6 OF TITLE
3 25.5.

4 (j) AFTER COMPLETING ORAL HEALTH SCREENING AT A PILOT
5 PROGRAM SITE DURING THE 2024-25 AND 2025-26 SCHOOL YEARS, NO
6 LATER THAN JULY 31, 2025, AND JULY 31, 2026, RESPECTIVELY, A
7 SCREENER SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING DATA
8 AND INFORMATION FOR PURPOSES OF EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
9 THE PILOT PROGRAM DURING THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL YEAR IN ACHIEVING
10 THE PURPOSES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF
11 THIS SECTION:

12 (I) (A) THE GRADE SCREENED AT EACH SCHOOL;

13 (B) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SCREENED AT EACH SCHOOL;

14 (C) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT WERE NOT SCREENED DUE TO
15 REFUSAL BY THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND THE
16 REASON FOR THE REFUSAL, IF SPECIFIED;

17 (D) THE TOTAL HOURS OF ORAL HEALTH SCREENING AT EACH
18 SCHOOL OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER AND THE ASSOCIATED COST
19 OF THE SCREENING;

20 (E) ORAL HEALTH SCREENING DATA FROM EACH SCHOOL, BY
21 STUDENT; AND

22 (F) ANY OTHER DATA OR INFORMATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE
23 DEPARTMENT, THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE EVALUATION OF THE PILOT
24 PROGRAM; AND

25 (II) ANY OTHER DATA OR INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE
26 SCREENER CONCERNING BEST PRACTICES IDENTIFIED DURING
27 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND RELATING TO STATEWIDE
28 IMPLEMENTATION OF ORAL HEALTH SCREENING IN KINDERGARTEN OR
29 THIRD GRADE.

30 (k) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES IN ACCORDANCE
31 WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24 AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT
32 PROGRAM.

33 (l) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2027, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
34 SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
35 COMMITTEES AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
36 REPRESENTATIVES AND OF THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR
37 COMMITTEES, AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONCERNING THE
38 IMPLEMENTATION AND OUTCOMES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND BEST
39 PRACTICES FOR EXPANDING FUTURE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING ACTIVITIES
40 IN KINDERGARTEN OR THIRD GRADE BASED ON THE DATA COLLECTED
41 THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM, AS WELL AS OTHER RELEVANT
42 INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS COLLECTED THROUGH OTHER
43 ORAL HEALTH SCREENING ACTIVITIES.

1 (m) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2031.

2 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-2-150** as
3 follows:

4 **22-2-150. Department of education - implementation of oral**
5 **health screening statewide - report - definitions - repeal.** (1) AS USED
6 IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (a) "ORAL HEALTH SCREENING" MEANS A VISUAL AND MANUAL
8 INSPECTION OF THE MOUTH THAT IS PERFORMED TO IDENTIFY PROBABLE
9 ORAL DISEASE OR OTHER ORAL CONDITIONS OR RISK FACTORS THAT MAY
10 REQUIRE MANAGEMENT BY ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

11 (b) "REPORT" MEANS THE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
12 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
13 OUTCOMES OF THE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN
14 SECTION 25-21.5-104(3) FOR ORAL HEALTH SCREENING IN KINDERGARTEN
15 OR THIRD GRADE, INCLUDING BEST PRACTICES FOR EXPANDING FUTURE
16 ORAL HEALTH SCREENING ACTIVITIES IN KINDERGARTEN OR THIRD GRADE.

17 (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
18 DEVELOP A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ORAL HEALTH SCREENING IN
19 KINDERGARTEN OR THIRD GRADE IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IN DEVELOPING
20 THE PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER:

21 (a) THE REPORT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DATA AND
22 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
23 ENVIRONMENT CONCERNING ORAL HEALTH SCREENING;

24 (b) FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING
25 ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL NURSES, FISCAL STAFF, AND OTHER
26 PROFESSIONALS;

27 (c) DATA AND INFORMATION RELATING TO PRACTICES IN STATES
28 THAT HAVE BROAD ORAL HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS; AND

29 (d) ANY OTHER DATA OR INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE
30 IMPLEMENTATION AND COST OF A STATEWIDE ORAL HEALTH SCREENING
31 PROGRAM IN KINDERGARTEN OR THIRD GRADE.

32 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT ITS PLAN FOR
33 IMPLEMENTATION OF ORAL HEALTH SCREENING IN KINDERGARTEN OR
34 THIRD GRADE FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE
36 SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, AND THE JOINT
37 BUDGET COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

38 (4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2033.

39 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
40 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
41 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
42 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
43 institutions."

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