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HOUSE BILL 21-1087

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZING EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS TO**
102 **PARTICIPATE IN THE TEACHING AND LEARNING CONDITIONS**
103 **SURVEY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
104 **APPROPRIATION.**

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>.)

Under current law, the department of education (department) administers the teaching and learning conditions survey (survey) every 2 years to assess teaching and learning conditions as predictors of student

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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SENATE
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achievement, retention of teachers, and the relationship between teaching and learning conditions and school administration. The department administers the survey to all preschool, elementary, and secondary teachers in Colorado public schools.

Under current law, an education support professional (ESP) is not permitted to take the survey. The bill authorizes an ESP who provides direct instruction, supports licensed staff in an educational capacity, or supports instruction and the learning environment to take the survey.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-502, **add** (1.5)
3 as follows:

4 **22-2-502. Definitions.** As used in this part 5, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (1.5) "EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL" MEANS A COLORADO
7 SCHOOL DISTRICT PARAPROFESSIONAL WHO MAY NOT BE LICENSED, AS
8 DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 60.5 OF THIS TITLE 22, BUT PROVIDES DIRECT
9 INSTRUCTION, SUPPORTS LICENSED STAFF IN AN EDUCATIONAL CAPACITY,
10 OR SUPPORTS INSTRUCTION AND THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT,
11 INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION:

- 12 (a) TEACHING ASSISTANT, REGULAR EDUCATION;
- 13 (b) TEACHING ASSISTANT, SPECIAL EDUCATION;
- 14 (c) TITLE 1 TEACHING ASSISTANT;
- 15 (d) TEACHING OR CLASSROOM TECHNICIAN;
- 16 (e) TUTOR;
- 17 (f) LIBRARY OR MEDIA ASSISTANT;
- 18 (g) BILINGUAL ASSISTANT;
- 19 (h) EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER;
- 20 (i) BRAILLIST;
- 21 (j) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT;

- 1 (k) PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT;
- 2 (l) HEALTH SCREENER;
- 3 (m) COUNSELOR ASSISTANT;
- 4 (n) HEALTH CARE TECHNICIAN;
- 5 (o) STUDENT MONITOR;
- 6 (p) CHILD FIND COORDINATOR;
- 7 (q) CHILD CARE PROVIDER OR GROUP LEADER; AND
- 8 (r) COMMUNITY LIAISON.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-503, **amend** (1)
10 introductory portion as follows:

11 **22-2-503. Teaching and learning conditions survey.** (1) Subject
12 to available appropriations, the department shall administer a biennial
13 teaching and learning conditions survey, referred to in this section as the
14 "survey", to all preschool TEACHERS, elementary TEACHERS, ~~and~~
15 secondary teachers, AND EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS in public
16 schools of the state. The survey shall be designed to assess, at a
17 minimum:

18 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2021-22 state fiscal year,
19 \$53,500 is appropriated to the department of education. This
20 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
21 department may use this appropriation for educator perception.

22 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.