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HOUSE BILL 21-1129

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE BY WHICH TEACHERS**
102 **MUST COMPLETE TRAINING IN TEACHING READING.**

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>.)

Existing law requires school districts, charter schools, and boards of cooperative services to demonstrate that, by the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, the kindergarten-through-third-grade teachers they employ have completed evidence-based training in teaching reading. The bill extends the deadline for completing the training until the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

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

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1208, **amend**
3 (6)(a) introductory portion and (6)(d) as follows:

4 **22-7-1208. Local education providers - procedures - plans -**
5 **training.** (6) (a) By the beginning of the ~~2021-22 school year~~ 2022-23
6 SCHOOL YEAR and continuing for each school year thereafter, each local
7 education provider that receives per-pupil intervention money or a grant
8 through the early literacy grant program in any budget year starting with
9 the 2019-20 budget year shall ensure that each teacher employed to teach
10 kindergarten or any of grades one through three successfully completes
11 or has successfully completed evidence-based training in teaching
12 reading. To comply with this subsection (6)(a), a local education provider
13 must submit evidence, as described in subsection (6)(b) of this section,
14 that each teacher employed to teach kindergarten or any of grades one
15 through three has successfully completed evidence-based training in
16 teaching reading that is:

17 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6)(a) of this
18 section, a local education provider that is not in compliance with the
19 requirements of this subsection (6) as of the beginning of the ~~2021-22~~
20 ~~school year~~ 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR or for a subsequent school year may
21 request a one-year extension from the department based on a
22 demonstration of good cause for inability to comply.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1210.5, **amend**
24 (3)(b)(II) as follows:

25 **22-7-1210.5. Per-pupil intervention money - uses - distribution**
26 **- monitoring - repeal.** (3) (b) To receive per-pupil intervention money

1 in a budget year, a local education provider must meet the following
2 requirements:

3 (II) For the ~~2021-22 budget year~~ 2022-23 BUDGET YEAR and
4 budget years thereafter, the local education provider must submit
5 evidence that it is in compliance with the teacher training requirements
6 specified in section 22-7-1208 (6);

7 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.