

CHAPTER 484

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 21-1087

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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) TEACHING ASSISTANT, REGULAR EDUCATION;
- (b) TEACHING ASSISTANT, SPECIAL EDUCATION;
- (c) TITLE 1 TEACHING ASSISTANT;
- (d) TEACHING OR CLASSROOM TECHNICIAN;
- (e) TUTOR;

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- (f) LIBRARY OR MEDIA ASSISTANT;
- (g) BILINGUAL ASSISTANT;
- (h) EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER;
- (i) BRAILLIST;
- (j) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT;
- (k) PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT;
- (l) HEALTH SCREENER;
- (m) COUNSELOR ASSISTANT;
- (n) HEALTH CARE TECHNICIAN;
- (o) STUDENT MONITOR;
- (p) CHILD FIND COORDINATOR;
- (q) CHILD CARE PROVIDER OR GROUP LEADER; AND
- (r) COMMUNITY LIAISON.

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

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

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

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

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