

CHAPTER 213

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 22-1248

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AN ACT

CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM, 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, 22-13-202, **amend** (3) as follows:

22-13-202. Definitions. As used in this part 2, unless the context otherwise requires:

(3) "Program" means the school leadership ~~pilot~~ program created in section 22-13-203.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-13-203, **amend** (1) and (6); and **repeal** (5) as follows:

22-13-203. School leadership program - created - participation - rules.

(1) There is created in the department of education the school leadership ~~pilot~~ program to provide embedded, experiential professional development to improve the quality of school principals and empower them to exercise distributive and collaborative leadership that supports collaboration among the professional educators in the school building. The purpose of the program is to increase educator retention, improve school climate and culture, and improve student academic outcomes by improving the quality of leadership in public schools. The program must include identification of high-quality school principals and the opportunity for other school principals from school districts throughout the state to observe and interact with the identified high-quality school principals and to receive professional development in leadership skills to learn the critical practices of the high-quality

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school principals in successful public schools.

~~(5) Subject to available appropriations, the state board shall award a grant to the employer of each school principal who is selected to participate in the program either as an exemplary high-quality school principal who assists in providing professional development or as a school principal who is selected to receive professional development. The state board shall determine the amount of each grant based on the costs that the employer is expected to incur as a result of the school principal's participation in the program.~~

~~(6) The general assembly shall annually appropriate money UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS to the department for the implementation of this part 2, including money to pay the costs of designing and implementing the program, which may include the cost of contracting with an entity as authorized in subsection (2) of this section. and awarding grants as provided in subsection (5) of this section.~~

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 22-13-205 as follows:

22-13-205. Repeal of part. ~~This part 2 is repealed, effective July 1, 2022.~~

SECTION 4. Appropriation. For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$250,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that the department will require an additional 1.2 FTE. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the school leadership program.

SECTION 5. 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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