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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101    **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A MODERNIZED APPROACH TO**  
102            **FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103            **MAKING AND REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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>.)*

The bill creates a new total program formula (new formula), which is used to determine each school district's (district) and institute charter school's annual total program amount to fund public education. With limited exception, the district or the institute charter school has the discretion to determine the budgeting and expending of its total program

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money.

The new formula:

- Starts with a district's foundation funding, which is determined by multiplying the statewide base per pupil funding by the district's funded pupil count, excluding the district's extended high school pupil enrollment and the district's online pupil enrollment; then
- Adds the district's at-risk funding, which is determined by multiplying the statewide base per pupil funding by 25% and then multiplying that result by the district's at-risk pupil enrollment; then
- Adds the district's English language learning funding, which is determined by multiplying the statewide base per pupil funding by 25% and then multiplying that result by the district's English language learner pupil enrollment; then
- Adds the district's special education funding, which is determined by multiplying the statewide base per pupil funding by 25% and then multiplying that result by the district's special education pupil enrollment; then
- Adds the district's cost of living factor, which is determined by multiplying the statewide base per pupil funding by the district's funded pupil count, excluding the district's extended high school pupil enrollment and the district's online pupil enrollment, and then multiplying that result by the district's cost of living factor; then
- Adds the district's locale factor, which is determined by multiplying the statewide base per pupil funding by the district's funded pupil count, excluding the district's extended high school pupil enrollment and the district's online pupil enrollment, and then multiplying that result by the district's locale factor; then
- Adds the district's size factor, which is determined by multiplying the statewide base per pupil funding by the district's funded pupil count, excluding the district's extended high school pupil enrollment and the district's online pupil enrollment, and then multiplying that result by the district's size factor; then
- Adds the district's extended high school funding, which is determined by multiplying the district's extended high school pupil enrollment by an amount that increases by the same percentage that the statewide base per student funding increases; then
- Adds the district's online funding, which is determined by multiplying the district's online pupil enrollment by an

amount that increases by the same percentage that the statewide base per student funding increases.

Beginning in the 2030-31 state fiscal year, the new formula will determine each district's and institute charter school's annual total program amount.

For the 2025-26 state fiscal year through the 2029-30 state fiscal year, each district's and institute charter school's annual total program amount will be determined by calculating each district's and institute charter school's annual total program amount under the new formula and the expiring formula. During these state fiscal years, a district's or institute charter school's annual total program amount is the district's or institute charter school's calculation under the expiring formula, unless:

- For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, if the total program calculation under the new formula is greater than the total program calculation under the expiring formula, the district's or institute charter school's annual total program amount is the amount calculated under the expiring formula plus an amount equal to 18% of the difference between the amount calculated under the new formula and the expiring formula;
- For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, if the total program calculation under the new formula is greater than the total program calculation under the expiring formula, the district's or institute charter school's annual total program amount is the amount calculated under the expiring formula plus an amount equal to 34% of the difference between the amount calculated under the new formula and the expiring formula;
- For the 2027-28 state fiscal year, if the total program calculation under the new formula is greater than the total program calculation under the expiring formula, the district's or institute charter school's annual total program amount is the amount calculated under the expiring formula plus an amount equal to 50% of the difference between the amount calculated under the new formula and the expiring formula;
- For the 2028-29 state fiscal year, if the total program calculation under the new formula is greater than the total program calculation under the expiring formula, the district's or institute charter school's annual total program amount is the amount calculated under the expiring formula plus an amount equal to 66% of the difference between the amount calculated under the new formula and the expiring formula; and
- For the 2029-30 state fiscal year, if the total program

calculation under the new formula is greater than the total program calculation under the expiring formula, the district's or institute charter school's annual total program amount is the amount calculated under the expiring formula plus an amount equal to 82% of the difference between the amount calculated under the new formula and the expiring formula.

The bill repeals the expiring formula on July 1, 2030.

The bill makes amendments to conform with these changes and to repeal obsolete provisions within the "Public School Finance Act".

The bill requires the department of education to contract with third-party entities to conduct 2 studies and publish reports concerning weighted student budgeting and implementing a multiple count day method for determining pupil enrollment. The third-party entities are required to submit reports to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate, and the governor, by June 30, 2025.

Under current law, there is the public school fund of the state (permanent school fund). The bill requires that:

- For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, the first \$11 million of interest and income earned on the deposit and investment of money in the permanent school fund (interest and income) is credited to the state public school fund, the next \$11 million of interest and income becomes part of the principal of the permanent school fund, and the remaining interest and income is credited to the restricted account of the public school capital construction assistance fund (assistance fund);
- For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, the first \$6 million of interest and income is credited to the state public school fund, the next \$6 million of interest and income becomes part of the principal of the permanent school fund, and the remaining interest and income is credited to the restricted account of the assistance fund; and
- For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, and state fiscal years thereafter, all interest and income is credited to the restricted account of the assistance fund.

The bill requires the state treasurer to allocate any money remaining in the state land board trust administration fund to pay for the services provided by the investment consultant hired by the public school investment board and for the reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses incurred by the members of that board.

Under certain circumstances, the bill requires to be credited to the assistance fund:

- For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, the greater of \$10 million from proceeds received from certain resources from public

- school lands plus 50% of the gross amount of public school lands income other than interest or income, or \$40 million;
- For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, the greater of \$15 million from proceeds received from certain resources from public school lands plus 50% of the gross amount of public school lands income other than interest or income, or \$40 million; and
- For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, and each state fiscal year thereafter, the greater of \$21 million from proceeds received from certain resources from public school lands plus 50% of the gross amount of public school lands income other than interest or income, or \$40 million.

The bill credits an amount to the charter school facilities assistance account from the assistance fund.

The bill increases the total maximum amount of annual payments payable by the state during a state fiscal year under the terms of all outstanding financed purchase of an asset or certificate of participation agreements entered into by the state treasurer from \$125 million to \$150 million.

Current law dictates the distribution of proceeds received from certain resources from public school lands, of which, a certain amount is credited to the permanent school fund. The bill requires that:

- For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, the first \$10 million is credited to the assistance fund;
- For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, the first \$15 million is credited to the assistance fund; and
- For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, and each state fiscal year thereafter, the first \$21 million is credited to the assistance fund.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 22-54-101 as  
3 follows:

4           **22-54-101. Short title.** ~~This article shall be known and may be~~  
5 ~~cited as the "Public School Finance Act of 1994"~~ THE SHORT TITLE OF  
6 THIS ARTICLE 54 IS THE "PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE ACT OF 2025".

7           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 22-54-102 as  
8 follows:

1           **22-54-102. Statewide applicability - intergovernmental**

2           **agreements - legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly hereby  
3           finds and declares that this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 54 is enacted in furtherance of  
4           the general assembly's duty under section 2 of article IX of the state  
5           constitution to provide for a thorough and uniform system of public  
6           schools throughout the state; that a thorough and uniform system requires  
7           that all school districts and institute charter schools operate under the  
8           same finance formula; and that equity considerations dictate that all  
9           districts and institute charter schools be subject to the expenditure and  
10          maximum levy provisions of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 54. Accordingly, the  
11          provisions of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 54 concerning the financing of public  
12          schools ~~for budget years beginning on and after July 1, 1994, shall apply~~  
13          to all school districts and institute charter schools organized under the  
14          laws of this state.

15                 (2) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES  
16                 THAT:

17                 (I) A THOROUGH AND UNIFORM SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION  
18                 CREATES A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ALL LEARNERS ARE  
19                 CIVICALLY ENGAGED; PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY  
20                 HEALTHY; COMPETENT ACADEMIC SCHOLARS; AND, UPON GRADUATION,  
21                 READY TO CONTRIBUTE PRODUCTIVELY TO THE ECONOMY AND PREPARED  
22                 FOR A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD;

23                 (II) A WORLD-CLASS PUBLIC EDUCATION LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
24                 IS CRITICAL TO MEETING THE WORKFORCE DEMANDS FOR COLORADO'S  
25                 THRIVING AND DYNAMIC ECONOMY;

26                 (III) THE CHANGING REALITIES OF COLORADO'S ECONOMY  
27                 DEMAND THAT STUDENTS BE AGILE LEARNERS ABLE TO CONTINUOUSLY

1 LEARN, ADAPT, AND SHIFT INTO NEW ROLES BY DEVELOPING CRITICAL  
2 THINKING, COLLABORATION, AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS;

3 (IV) THE NEEDS OF THE STATE REQUIRE THAT ALL STUDENTS,  
4 INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE UNDERSERVED OR FACE SIGNIFICANT  
5 CHALLENGES IN MEETING COLORADO'S GRADUATION GUIDELINES,  
6 COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL AND ARE READY FOR CAREER OR  
7 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION;

8 (V) COLORADO'S TOTAL PROGRAM FORMULA, PURSUANT TO  
9 SECTION 22-54-104, DRASTICALLY UNDERFUNDS COLORADO'S MOST  
10 HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED STUDENTS, INCLUDING AT-RISK STUDENTS,  
11 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS, AND STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.  
12 SINCE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP BETWEEN THESE  
13 STUDENTS AND THEIR PEERS HAS GROWN EXPONENTIALLY. RESEARCH  
14 SHOWS THAT DIRECTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THESE STUDENTS  
15 BOLSTERS THEIR ACADEMIC OUTCOMES.

16 (VI) COLORADO'S TOTAL PROGRAM FORMULA, PURSUANT TO  
17 SECTION 22-54-104, HAS NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY UPDATED SINCE 1994.  
18 AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITS TO FULLY BUYING DOWN THE  
19 BUDGET STABILIZATION FACTOR, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO  
20 MODERNIZE THE TOTAL PROGRAM FORMULA TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS  
21 OF STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, COMMUNITIES, AND SCHOOLS.

22 (VII) IN THE YEARS SINCE THIS ARTICLE 54 WAS ORIGINALLY  
23 ENACTED IN 1994, CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, STATUTORY  
24 REQUIREMENTS, PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS, AND STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS  
25 HAVE PLACED GREATER DEMANDS ON COLORADO'S PUBLIC EDUCATION  
26 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT; AND

27 (VIII) CHALLENGES TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN EDUCATORS AND

1 SCHOOL LEADERS, AND IMPEDIMENTS TO BENEFICIAL INNOVATION,  
2 CONTINUE TO THREATEN COLORADO'S PUBLIC EDUCATION LEARNING  
3 ENVIRONMENT.

4 (b) TO PROVIDE EACH CHILD IN THIS STATE WITH A HIGH-QUALITY  
5 PUBLIC EDUCATION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT  
6 COLORADO'S PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE FORMULA MUST BE REDESIGNED  
7 AND MODERNIZED TO:

8 (I) PRIORITIZE EQUITY BY FOCUSING ON INDIVIDUAL STUDENT  
9 NEEDS, INCLUDING PRIORITIZED FUNDING FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING  
10 POVERTY, STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS, AND STUDENTS  
11 WHO ARE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS;

12 (II) RECOGNIZE AND ADJUST FUNDING FOR DIFFERENCES AMONG  
13 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS RELATED TO SIZE, REMOTENESS,  
14 AND COST OF LIVING;

15 (III) PROMOTE GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION  
16 FUNDING FOR POLICYMAKERS, EDUCATORS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS,  
17 FAMILIES, AND STUDENTS BY CREATING TRANSPARENCY AND SIMPLICITY  
18 IN THE SCHOOL FINANCE FORMULA CALCULATION; AND

19 (IV) RESPONSIBLY PHASE IN A NEW TOTAL PROGRAM FORMULA  
20 OVER A PERIOD OF TIME SO THAT IT IS SUSTAINABLE, AND ALLOW SCHOOL  
21 DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS AN AMOUNT OF TIME NECESSARY TO ADJUST TO  
22 THE PHASE-IN.

23 ~~(2)~~ (3) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that in  
24 enacting this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 54 it has adopted a formula for the support  
25 of schools; ~~for the 1994-95 budget year and budget years thereafter;~~  
26 however, the adoption of ~~such~~ THE formula in no way ~~represents~~ IS a  
27 commitment on the part of the general assembly concerning the level of



1 total funding for schools. ~~for the 1995-96 budget year or any budget year~~  
2 ~~thereafter.~~

3 ~~(3)~~ (4) (a) ~~Nothing in this article shall be construed to~~ THIS  
4 ARTICLE 54 DOES NOT prohibit local governments from cooperating with  
5 school districts through intergovernmental agreements to fund, construct,  
6 maintain, or manage capital construction projects or other facilities as set  
7 forth in section 22-45-103 (1)(c)(I)(A) or (1)(c)(I)(D), including, but not  
8 limited to, swimming pools, playgrounds, or ball fields, ~~as long as~~ IF  
9 funding for ~~such~~ THE projects is provided solely from a source of local  
10 government revenue that is otherwise authorized by law, except impact  
11 fees or other similar development charges or fees.

12 (b) Notwithstanding ~~any provision of paragraph (a) of this~~  
13 ~~subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION to the contrary,  
14 ~~nothing in this subsection (3) shall be construed to~~ THIS SUBSECTION (4)  
15 DOES NOT:

16 (I) Limit or restrict a county's power to require the reservation or  
17 dedication of sites and land areas for schools or the payment of ~~moneys~~  
18 MONEY in lieu thereof pursuant to section 30-28-133 (4)(a); ~~C.R.S. or to~~  
19 ~~limit a local government's ability to accept and expend impact fees or~~  
20 ~~other similar development charges or fees contributed voluntarily on or~~  
21 ~~before December 31, 1997, to fund the capital projects of school districts~~  
22 ~~according to the terms of agreements voluntarily entered into on or before~~  
23 ~~June 4, 1996, between all affected parties; AND~~

24 (II) Repealed.

25 (III) Grant authority to local governments to require the  
26 reservation or dedication of sites and land areas for schools or the  
27 payment of ~~moneys in lieu thereof~~ MONEY; however, the prohibition on

1 impact fees or other similar development charges or fees contained in this  
2 subsection (3) shall not be construed to SUBSECTION (4) DOES NOT restrict  
3 the authority of any local government to require the reservation or  
4 dedication of sites and land areas for schools or the payment of moneys  
5 in lieu thereof if such MONEY IF THE local government otherwise has such  
6 THE authority granted by law.

7 (4) ~~If the December 2015 revenue forecast prepared by the~~  
8 ~~legislative council staff estimates that the amount of local property tax~~  
9 ~~revenues that will be available to districts for the 2015-16 budget year~~  
10 ~~will be greater than the amount estimated in the December 2014 revenue~~  
11 ~~forecast, it is the intent of the general assembly, through the supplemental~~  
12 ~~appropriations process during the 2016 regular legislative session, to~~  
13 ~~maintain and not reduce state appropriations for school finance funding~~  
14 ~~after consideration of other forecast changes, including changes in the~~  
15 ~~number of pupils and at-risk pupils enrolled, the inflation rate, and the~~  
16 ~~expected state education fund revenues.~~

17 (5) (a) ~~The general assembly finds that, due to the COVID-19~~  
18 ~~pandemic beginning during the 2019-20 school year, Colorado's public~~  
19 ~~education system has faced significant disruptions to the delivery of~~  
20 ~~classroom instruction, student learning, and access to critically necessary~~  
21 ~~nutritional, health, and social-emotional support services. Therefore, the~~  
22 ~~general assembly finds that:~~

23 (I) ~~A world-class public education is critical to meeting the~~  
24 ~~workforce demands for Colorado's economy;~~

25 (II) ~~The changing realities of Colorado's post-pandemic economy~~  
26 ~~demand that students be agile learners able to continuously learn, adapt,~~  
27 ~~and shift into new roles by developing critical thinking, collaboration, and~~

1 problem-solving skills; and

2 ~~(III) The needs of the state require that all students, including~~  
3 ~~those who are underserved or face significant challenges in meeting~~  
4 ~~Colorado's graduation guidelines, complete high school career and~~  
5 ~~college ready.~~

6 ~~(b) To provide each child in this state with a high-quality public~~  
7 ~~education, the general assembly declares that Colorado's public school~~  
8 ~~finance formula must be redesigned and modernized to:~~

9 ~~(I) Prioritize equity, focusing on individual student needs by~~  
10 ~~increasing the funding for students who are economically disadvantaged~~  
11 ~~and students who are English language learners; and~~

12 ~~(II) Address the inequities in school district funding that arise~~  
13 ~~from the dramatic differences in local property wealth and mill levy~~  
14 ~~overrides.~~

15 ~~(c) Further, the general assembly declares that, because English~~  
16 ~~language learner funding will now be included in the school finance~~  
17 ~~formula, it is appropriate to fund this inclusion by redirecting to the state~~  
18 ~~share of total program the amount previously appropriated for the~~  
19 ~~professional development and student support program created in section~~  
20 ~~22-24-108. The general assembly further declares that the remaining costs~~  
21 ~~of the school finance formula changes are offset by the savings to the~~  
22 ~~state share of total program that occur as a result of correcting the~~  
23 ~~unauthorized reductions in district property tax mill levies as provided in~~  
24 ~~section 22-54-106 (2.1).~~

25 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-103, **amend**  
26 (1.3), (6), (6.5), (8.5)(a)(II), (8.5)(b), (10)(a)(II), (10)(a)(III.5), (10)(a)(V),  
27 (10)(b)(I) introductory portion, (10)(d), (10)(f), (10)(h)(I) introductory

1 portion, (10.5)(b), (14), and (15); **repeal** (1.5)(a)(V), (1.5)(b),  
2 (1.5)(c)(II)(A), (5.5)(a), (7), and (10)(g); and **add** (10.7) as follows:

3 **22-54-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 54, unless the  
4 context otherwise requires:

5 (1.3) "Accounting district" means the ~~school~~ district within whose  
6 geographic boundaries an institute charter school is physically located.

7 (1.5) (a) "At-risk pupils" means:

8 (V) ~~For the 2005-06 budget year through the 2020-21 budget year,~~  
9 ~~the number of district pupils who are English language learners plus the~~  
10 ~~greater of:~~

11 ~~(A) The number of district pupils eligible for free lunch; or~~

12 ~~(B) The number of pupils calculated in accordance with the~~  
13 ~~following formula:~~

14 ~~District percentage of pupils eligible for free lunch x District pupil~~  
15 ~~enrollment.~~

16 (b) For purposes of subsection (1.5)(a)(V) of this section:

17 (I) ~~"District percentage of pupils eligible for free lunch" means the~~  
18 ~~district pupils eligible for free lunch in grades one through eight divided~~  
19 ~~by the district pupil enrollment in grades one through eight.~~

20 (II) ~~"District pupil enrollment" means the pupil enrollment of the~~  
21 ~~district, as determined in accordance with subsection (10) of this section,~~  
22 ~~minus the number of pupils enrolled in the Colorado preschool program~~  
23 ~~pursuant to article 28 of this title 22 and the number of three-year-old or~~  
24 ~~four-year-old pupils with disabilities receiving educational programs~~  
25 ~~pursuant to article 20 of this title 22.~~

26 (III) ~~"District pupils eligible for free lunch" means the number of~~  
27 ~~pupils included in the district pupil enrollment who are eligible for free~~

1 ~~lunch pursuant to the provisions of the federal "Richard B. Russell~~  
2 ~~National School Lunch Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 1751 et seq.~~

3 ~~(IV) "District pupils who are English language learners" means~~  
4 ~~the number of pupils included in the district pupil enrollment for the~~  
5 ~~preceding budget year who were not eligible for free lunch pursuant to the~~  
6 ~~provisions of the federal "Richard B. Russell National School Lunch~~  
7 ~~Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 1751 et seq., and who are English language learners,~~  
8 ~~as defined in section 22-24-103 (4), and:~~

9 ~~(A) Whose scores were not included in calculating school~~  
10 ~~academic performance grades as provided in section 22-7-1006.3; or~~

11 ~~(B) Who took an assessment administered pursuant to section~~  
12 ~~22-7-1006.3 in a language other than English.~~

13 ~~(c) For purposes of subsection (1.5)(a)(VI) of this section:~~

14 ~~(II) (A) "District pupil enrollment" means, for the 2021-22 and~~  
15 ~~2022-23 budget years, the pupil enrollment of the district, as determined~~  
16 ~~in accordance with subsection (10) of this section, minus the number of~~  
17 ~~pupils enrolled in the Colorado preschool program pursuant to article 28~~  
18 ~~of this title 22 and the number of three-year-old or four-year-old pupils~~  
19 ~~with disabilities receiving educational programs pursuant to article 20 of~~  
20 ~~this title 22.~~

21 ~~(5.5) (a) "District percentage of at-risk pupils" means, for budget~~  
22 ~~years commencing prior to July 1, 2023, the number of at-risk pupils in~~  
23 ~~the district, as determined in accordance with subsection (1.5) of this~~  
24 ~~section, divided by the pupil enrollment of the district, as determined in~~  
25 ~~accordance with subsection (10) of this section; except that pupil~~  
26 ~~enrollment does not include the number of pupils enrolled in the Colorado~~  
27 ~~preschool program pursuant to article 28 of this title 22, as it exists prior~~

1 to July 1, 2023, and the number of three-year-old or four-year-old pupils  
2 with disabilities receiving educational programs pursuant to article 20 of  
3 this title 22.

4 (6) ~~"District's total program" means the funding for a district, as~~  
5 ~~determined pursuant to section 22-54-104 or section 22-54-104.3,~~  
6 ~~whichever is applicable, which represents the financial base of support for~~  
7 ~~public education in that district. "DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM" OR~~  
8 ~~"DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM" MEANS A DISTRICT'S FUNDING, AS~~  
9 ~~DETERMINED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 54, WHICH IS THE FINANCIAL~~  
10 ~~BASE OF SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THAT DISTRICT.~~

11 (6.5) "English language learner pupils" means the number of  
12 district pupils who are English language learners, as defined in section  
13 22-24-103 (4), and for whom the district ~~received~~ RECEIVES funding FOR  
14 THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR pursuant to section 22-24-104 (3)(b)(I).

15 (7) ~~"Funded pupil count" means:~~

16 (a) ~~For budget years commencing prior to July 1, 2002, the greater~~  
17 ~~of:~~

18 (I) ~~The district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year;~~  
19 ~~or~~

20 (II) ~~The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
21 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
22 ~~immediately preceding budget year; or~~

23 (III) ~~The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
24 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the two~~  
25 ~~immediately preceding budget years; or~~

26 (IV) ~~The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
27 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the three~~

1 immediately preceding budget years;

2 ~~(b) (I) For the budget year commencing on July 1, 2002, the~~  
3 ~~district's online pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year plus the~~  
4 ~~greater of:~~

5 ~~(A) The district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year;~~  
6 ~~or~~

7 ~~(B) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
8 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
9 ~~immediately preceding budget year; or~~

10 ~~(C) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
11 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the two~~  
12 ~~immediately preceding budget years; or~~

13 ~~(D) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
14 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the three~~  
15 ~~immediately preceding budget years.~~

16 ~~(H) Repealed.~~

17 ~~(c) (I) For budget years commencing on and after July 1, 2003, but~~  
18 ~~prior to July 1, 2008, the district's online pupil enrollment for the~~  
19 ~~applicable budget year plus the district's preschool and kindergarten~~  
20 ~~program enrollment for the applicable budget year plus the greater of:~~

21 ~~(A) The district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year;~~  
22 ~~or~~

23 ~~(B) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
24 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
25 ~~immediately preceding budget year; or~~

26 ~~(C) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
27 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the two~~

1 immediately preceding budget years; or

2 ~~(D) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
3 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the three~~  
4 ~~immediately preceding budget years.~~

5 ~~(H) and (I) Repealed.~~

6 ~~(IV) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for~~  
7 ~~purposes of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (c) for budget years~~  
8 ~~beginning on or after July 1, 2004, a district's funded pupil count shall~~  
9 ~~include the certified pupil enrollment and online pupil enrollment of each~~  
10 ~~operating institute charter school for which the district is the accounting~~  
11 ~~district. The department of education shall add the institute charter~~  
12 ~~school's certified pupil enrollment and online pupil enrollment to the~~  
13 ~~funded pupil count of the district prior to calculating the district's total~~  
14 ~~program pursuant to section 22-54-104.~~

15 ~~(d) (I) For budget years commencing on and after July 1, 2008,~~  
16 ~~but prior to July 1, 2009, the district's online pupil enrollment for the~~  
17 ~~applicable budget year plus the district's preschool program enrollment~~  
18 ~~for the applicable budget year plus the district's supplemental~~  
19 ~~kindergarten enrollment for the applicable budget year plus the greater of:~~

20 ~~(A) The district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year;~~  
21 ~~or~~

22 ~~(B) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
23 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
24 ~~immediately preceding budget year; or~~

25 ~~(C) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
26 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the two~~  
27 ~~immediately preceding budget years; or~~



1           ~~(D) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
2 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the three~~  
3 ~~immediately preceding budget years; or~~

4           ~~(E) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
5 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the four~~  
6 ~~immediately preceding budget years.~~

7           ~~(H) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for~~  
8 ~~purposes of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (d), a district's funded~~  
9 ~~pupil count shall include the certified pupil enrollment and online pupil~~  
10 ~~enrollment of each operating institute charter school for which the district~~  
11 ~~is the accounting district. The department of education shall add the~~  
12 ~~institute charter school's certified pupil enrollment and online pupil~~  
13 ~~enrollment to the funded pupil count of the district prior to calculating the~~  
14 ~~district's total program pursuant to section 22-54-104.~~

15           ~~(H) Repealed.~~

16           ~~(IV) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that for the~~  
17 ~~purposes of section 17 of article IX of the state constitution, averaging a~~  
18 ~~district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year and the district's~~  
19 ~~pupil enrollment for the four immediately preceding budget years~~  
20 ~~pursuant to sub-subparagraph (E) of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph~~  
21 ~~(d) is a program for accountable education reform and may therefore~~  
22 ~~receive funding from the state education fund created in section 17(4) of~~  
23 ~~article IX of the state constitution.~~

24           ~~(e)(I) For budget years commencing on and after July 1, 2009, but~~  
25 ~~prior to July 1, 2023, the district's online pupil enrollment for the~~  
26 ~~applicable budget year plus the district's preschool program enrollment~~  
27 ~~for the applicable budget year plus the district's supplemental~~

1 kindergarten enrollment for the applicable budget year plus the district's  
2 extended high school pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year, plus  
3 the greater of:

4 (A) ~~The district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year;~~  
5 ~~or~~

6 (B) ~~The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
7 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
8 ~~immediately preceding budget year; or~~

9 (C) ~~The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
10 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the two~~  
11 ~~immediately preceding budget years; or~~

12 (D) ~~The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
13 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the three~~  
14 ~~immediately preceding budget years; or~~

15 (E) ~~The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
16 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the four~~  
17 ~~immediately preceding budget years.~~

18 (H) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for~~  
19 ~~purposes of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (c), a district's funded~~  
20 ~~pupil count shall include the certified pupil enrollment and online pupil~~  
21 ~~enrollment of each operating institute charter school for which the district~~  
22 ~~is the accounting district. The department of education shall add the~~  
23 ~~institute charter school's certified pupil enrollment and online pupil~~  
24 ~~enrollment to the funded pupil count of the district prior to calculating the~~  
25 ~~district's total program pursuant to section 22-54-104.~~

26 (III) ~~Repealed.~~

27 (IV) ~~The general assembly hereby finds and declares that for the~~

1 purposes of section 17 of article IX of the state constitution, averaging a  
2 district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year and the district's  
3 pupil enrollment for the four immediately preceding budget years  
4 pursuant to sub-subparagraph (E) of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph  
5 (e) is a program for accountable education reform and may therefore  
6 receive funding from the state education fund created in section 17 (4) of  
7 article IX of the state constitution:

8 (V) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the  
9 2010-11 budget year and each budget year thereafter, for the purposes of  
10 this paragraph (e), a district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget  
11 year and a district's pupil enrollment for any preceding budget year shall  
12 not include any pupil who is or was enrolled in a charter school that was  
13 originally authorized by the district but was subsequently converted, on  
14 or after July 1, 2010, to an institute charter school or to a charter school  
15 of a district contiguous to the originally authorizing district.

16 (VI) Notwithstanding any provision of this paragraph (e) to the  
17 contrary, for the 2013-14 budget year and each budget year thereafter, for  
18 the purposes of this subsection (7), if a district's funded pupil count  
19 calculated pursuant to this subsection (7) for a budget year is fewer than  
20 fifty pupils, the district's funded pupil count for the budget year is fifty  
21 pupils:

22 (VII) For the 2019-20 budget year and each budget year  
23 thereafter, solely for the purpose of averaging pupil enrollment pursuant  
24 to subsection (7)(e)(I) of this section for a district that operates a full-day  
25 kindergarten educational program, the department of education shall  
26 adjust the district's pupil enrollments for the 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17,  
27 and 2015-16 budget years by counting each pupil enrolled in a full-day

1 ~~kindergarten educational program in one of those budget years as a~~  
2 ~~full-time student. The adjustment to pupil enrollment made pursuant to~~  
3 ~~this subsection (7)(e)(VII) does not affect or change the funded pupil~~  
4 ~~count used to calculate a district's fiscal year spending limitation pursuant~~  
5 ~~to section 20 of article X of the state constitution for a budget year~~  
6 ~~commencing before July 1, 2019.~~

7 ~~(f)(I) For budget years commencing on and after July 1, 2023, the~~  
8 ~~district's online pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year plus the~~  
9 ~~district's supplemental kindergarten enrollment for the applicable budget~~  
10 ~~year plus the district's extended high school pupil enrollment for the~~  
11 ~~applicable budget year, plus the greater of:~~

12 ~~(A) The district's pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year;~~  
13 ~~or~~

14 ~~(B) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
15 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
16 ~~immediately preceding budget year; or~~

17 ~~(C) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
18 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the two~~  
19 ~~immediately preceding budget years; or~~

20 ~~(D) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
21 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the three~~  
22 ~~immediately preceding budget years; or~~

23 ~~(E) The average of the district's pupil enrollment for the~~  
24 ~~applicable budget year and the district's pupil enrollment for the four~~  
25 ~~immediately preceding budget years.~~

26 ~~(H) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for~~  
27 ~~purposes of subsection (7)(f)(I) of this section, a district's funded pupil~~

1 count includes the certified pupil enrollment and online pupil enrollment  
2 of each operating institute charter school for which the district is the  
3 accounting district, as provided pursuant to subsections (7)(f)(H.5) and  
4 (7)(f)(H.6) of this section. The department of education shall add the  
5 institute charter school's certified pupil enrollment and online pupil  
6 enrollment to the funded pupil count of the district prior to calculating the  
7 district's total program pursuant to section 22-54-104.

8 (H.5) For purposes of subsection (7)(f)(H) of this section, each  
9 operating institute charter school's certified pupil enrollment is the greater  
10 of:

11 (A) The operating institute charter school's pupil enrollment for  
12 the applicable budget year;

13 (B) The average of the operating institute charter school's pupil  
14 enrollment for the applicable budget year and the operating institute  
15 charter school's pupil enrollment for the immediately preceding budget  
16 year;

17 (C) The average of the operating institute charter school's pupil  
18 enrollment for the applicable budget year and the operating institute  
19 charter school's pupil enrollment for the two immediately preceding  
20 budget years;

21 (D) The average of the operating institute charter school's pupil  
22 enrollment for the applicable budget year and the operating institute  
23 charter school's pupil enrollment for the three immediately preceding  
24 budget years; or

25 (E) The average of the operating institute charter school's pupil  
26 enrollment for the applicable budget year and the operating institute  
27 charter school's pupil enrollment for the four immediately preceding

1 budget years:

2 ~~(H.6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for~~  
3 ~~purposes of subsection (7)(f)(H.5) of this section, an operating institute~~  
4 ~~charter school's pupil enrollment includes its online pupil enrollment,~~  
5 ~~except for multi-district online school pupil enrollment.~~

6 ~~(HH) The general assembly finds and declares that for the purposes~~  
7 ~~of section 17 of article IX of the state constitution, averaging a district's~~  
8 ~~pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year and the district's pupil~~  
9 ~~enrollment for the four immediately preceding budget years pursuant to~~  
10 ~~subsection (7)(f)(I)(E) of this section, and the averaging of an operating~~  
11 ~~institute charter school's pupil enrollment and online pupil enrollment~~  
12 ~~pursuant to subsections (7)(f)(H.5) and (7)(f)(H.6), is a program for~~  
13 ~~accountable education reform and may therefore receive funding from the~~  
14 ~~state education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state~~  
15 ~~constitution.~~

16 ~~(IV) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the~~  
17 ~~2010-11 budget year and each budget year thereafter, for the purposes of~~  
18 ~~this subsection (7)(f), a district's pupil enrollment for the applicable~~  
19 ~~budget year and a district's pupil enrollment for any preceding budget~~  
20 ~~year do not include any pupil who is or was enrolled in a charter school~~  
21 ~~that was originally authorized by the district but was subsequently~~  
22 ~~converted, on or after July 1, 2010, to an institute charter school or to a~~  
23 ~~charter school of a district contiguous to the originally authorizing~~  
24 ~~district.~~

25 ~~(V) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection (7)(f) to the~~  
26 ~~contrary, for the 2013-14 budget year and each budget year thereafter, for~~  
27 ~~the purposes of this subsection (7), if a district's funded pupil count~~

1 calculated pursuant to this subsection (7) for a budget year is fewer than  
2 fifty pupils, the district's funded pupil count for the budget year is fifty  
3 pupils.

4 (VI) For the 2019-20 budget year and each budget year thereafter,  
5 solely for the purpose of averaging pupil enrollment pursuant to  
6 subsection (7)(f)(I) of this section for a district that operates a full-day  
7 kindergarten educational program, the department of education shall  
8 adjust the district's pupil enrollments for the 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17,  
9 and 2015-16 budget years by counting each pupil enrolled in a full-day  
10 kindergarten educational program in one of those budget years as a  
11 full-time student. The adjustment to pupil enrollment made pursuant to  
12 this subsection (7)(f)(VI) does not affect or change the funded pupil count  
13 used to calculate a district's fiscal year spending limitation pursuant to  
14 section 20 of article X of the state constitution for a budget year  
15 commencing before July 1, 2019.

16 (8.5) (a) "Online pupil enrollment" means:

17 (II) For the 2008-09 budget year, and for budget years thereafter,  
18 The number of pupils, on the pupil enrollment count day within the  
19 applicable budget year, enrolled in, attending, and actively participating  
20 in a multi-district online school, as defined in section 22-30.7-102 (6),  
21 created pursuant to article 30.7 of this title TITLE 22.

22 (b) For budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2004, A  
23 district's online pupil enrollment shall include INCLUDES the certified  
24 online pupil enrollment of each operating institute charter school for  
25 which the district is the accounting district. The department of education  
26 shall add the institute charter school's certified online pupil enrollment to  
27 the online pupil enrollment of the district prior to calculating the district's

1 total program. ~~pursuant to section 22-54-104.~~

2 (10) (a) (II) "Pupil enrollment" ~~shall include~~ INCLUDES:

3 (A) ~~For the 2007-08 budget year, a pupil who was enrolled during~~  
4 ~~the 2001-02 school year in an online program authorized pursuant to~~  
5 ~~section 22-33-104.6, as it existed prior to July 1, 2007, and who is~~  
6 ~~enrolled and participates in any such online program on October 1 within~~  
7 ~~the applicable budget year or the school day nearest said date.~~

8 (B) ~~For the 2008-09 budget year, and for budget years thereafter,~~  
9 A pupil who is enrolled in, attending, and actively participating in a  
10 single-district online program or online school operated pursuant to  
11 article 30.7 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22.

12 (III.5) ~~For the 2009-10 budget year and budget years thereafter,~~  
13 ~~"pupil enrollment" shall include~~ "PUPIL ENROLLMENT" INCLUDES any  
14 juvenile to whom the school district is providing educational services  
15 pursuant to section 22-32-141 as of the pupil enrollment count day of the  
16 applicable budget year.

17 (V) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph (a), for the~~  
18 ~~2008-09 budget year and each budget year thereafter, "pupil enrollment"~~  
19 ~~shall not~~ "PUPIL ENROLLMENT" DOES NOT include a pupil who is placed  
20 in a facility, as defined in section 22-2-402 (3), and is receiving services  
21 through an approved facility school, as defined in section 22-2-402 (1).

22 (b) (I) ~~For budget years commencing before the 2019-20 budget~~  
23 ~~year, a pupil enrolled in a kindergarten educational program pursuant to~~  
24 ~~section 22-32-119 (1) is counted as not more than a half-day pupil. For~~  
25 ~~the 2019-20 budget year and each budget year thereafter,~~ A pupil WHO IS  
26 enrolled in a kindergarten educational program pursuant to section  
27 22-32-119 is counted as a full-time pupil, except as otherwise provided



1 in subsection (10)(e.5)(I) of this section. ~~For the 2005-06 budget year and~~  
2 ~~each budget year thereafter,~~ A district shall count and receive funding  
3 only for pupils enrolled in a kindergarten educational program who are:

4 (d) (I) ~~For budget years commencing prior to July 1, 2023, a three-~~  
5 ~~or four-year-old pupil with a disability receiving an educational program~~  
6 ~~under the "Exceptional Children's Educational Act", article 20 of this title,~~  
7 ~~shall be counted as a half-day pupil.~~

8 (II) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection (10) to the~~  
9 ~~contrary, for budget years commencing on or after July 1, 2005, but prior~~  
10 ~~to July 1, 2023, a district may choose to determine the number of three-~~  
11 ~~and four-year-old pupils with disabilities enrolled and receiving~~  
12 ~~educational programs under the "Exceptional Children's Educational~~  
13 ~~Act", article 20 of this title 22, as of November 1 within the applicable~~  
14 ~~budget year or the school date nearest said date, rather than on the pupil~~  
15 ~~enrollment count day, as evidenced by the actual attendance of such~~  
16 ~~pupils on November 1 or the school date nearest said date. The "pupil~~  
17 ~~enrollment" of the district must include the number of pupils so enrolled~~  
18 ~~who are counted as half-day pupils.~~

19 (III) ~~For the 2023-24 budget year and budget years thereafter,~~ A  
20 district shall not include a three- or four-year-old pupil with a disability  
21 who is receiving an educational program under the "Exceptional  
22 Children's Educational Act", article 20 of this title 22, but is not enrolled  
23 in kindergarten, in the district's pupil enrollment, but shall certify to the  
24 department the number of ~~said~~ three- and four-year-old pupils with  
25 disabilities who are receiving an educational program from the district for  
26 purposes of receiving funding pursuant to part 1 of article 20 of this title  
27 22.

1           (f) (I) ~~For budget years commencing before July 1, 2023, in~~  
2 ~~certifying the district's pupil enrollment to the state board pursuant to the~~  
3 ~~provisions of section 22-54-112, the district shall specify the number of~~  
4 ~~pupils enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade, specifying those~~  
5 ~~who are enrolled as full-time pupils and those who are enrolled as less~~  
6 ~~than full-time pupils; the number of expelled pupils receiving educational~~  
7 ~~services pursuant to section 22-33-203; the number of pupils enrolled in~~  
8 ~~the district's preschool program; the number of pupils receiving~~  
9 ~~educational programs under the "Exceptional Children's Educational~~  
10 ~~Act", article 20 of this title 22; the number of at-risk pupils; and the~~  
11 ~~number of English language learner pupils.~~

12           (II) ~~For the 2023-24 budget year and each budget year thereafter,~~  
13 ~~In certifying the district's pupil enrollment to the state board pursuant to~~  
14 ~~the provisions of section 22-54-112, the district shall specify the number~~  
15 ~~of pupils enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade, specifying those~~  
16 ~~who are enrolled as full-time pupils and those who are enrolled as less~~  
17 ~~than full-time pupils; the number of expelled pupils receiving educational~~  
18 ~~services pursuant to section 22-33-203; the number of at-risk pupils; the~~  
19 ~~number of English language learner pupils; and the number of pupils~~  
20 ~~receiving educational programs under the "Exceptional Children's~~  
21 ~~Educational Act", article 20 of this title 22, who are enrolled in~~  
22 ~~kindergarten through twelfth grade.~~

23           (g) ~~For the 2018-19 and 2019-20 budget years, a district may~~  
24 ~~include in its pupil enrollment pupils who are enrolled in a school that~~  
25 ~~was designated pursuant to section 22-35-103 (10) as an early college~~  
26 ~~before June 6, 2018, and who, after completing four years of high school,~~  
27 ~~enroll for the 2018-19 or 2019-20 budget years in postsecondary courses.~~

1 (h) (I) ~~For the 2019-20 budget year and each budget year~~  
2 ~~thereafter~~, With regard to a pupil who is simultaneously enrolled in a  
3 district or institute charter school and in one or more postsecondary  
4 courses, a district or institute charter school must submit evidence of:

5 (10.5) (b) ~~On or before July 1, 2012~~, The state board shall  
6 promulgate rules establishing the meaning of "major religious holiday"  
7 for the purposes of this subsection (10.5).

8 (10.7) "SPECIAL EDUCATION PUPILS" MEANS THE NUMBER OF  
9 DISTRICT PUPILS WHO ARE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, AS DEFINED IN  
10 SECTION 22-20-103 (5).

11 (14) (a) ~~"Statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils" means,~~  
12 ~~for budget years commencing prior to July 1, 2023, the total number of~~  
13 ~~at-risk pupils in all districts, as determined in accordance with subsection~~  
14 ~~(1.5) of this section, divided by the pupil enrollment of all districts, as~~  
15 ~~determined in accordance with subsection (10) of this section; except that~~  
16 ~~pupil enrollment does not include the number of pupils enrolled in the~~  
17 ~~Colorado preschool program pursuant to article 28 of this title and the~~  
18 ~~number of three-year-old or four-year-old pupils with disabilities~~  
19 ~~receiving educational programs pursuant to article 20 of this title.~~

20 (b) "Statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils" means ~~for the~~  
21 ~~2023 budget year and each budget year thereafter~~, the total number of  
22 at-risk pupils in all districts, as determined in accordance with subsection  
23 (1.5) of this section, divided by the pupil enrollment of all districts, as  
24 determined in accordance with subsection (10) of this section.

25 (15) "Supplemental kindergarten enrollment" means the number  
26 calculated by subtracting five-tenths from the full-day kindergarten factor  
27 for the applicable budget year and then multiplying that number by the

1 number of pupils in the district who are enrolled part-time in a    
2 kindergarten educational program for the applicable budget year. For the  
3 purposes of this subsection (15), the full-day kindergarten factor ~~for the~~  
4 ~~2008-09 budget year and each budget year thereafter~~ is fifty-eight  
5 hundredths of a full-day pupil.

6 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-54-103.1 as  
7 follows:

8 **22-54-103.1. Protection of student data.** NOTWITHSTANDING  
9 ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 54, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
10 THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE, AND EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND  
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS  
12 REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF STUDENT DATA, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL  
13 "FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C.  
14 SEC. 1232g, AS AMENDED, AND ALL REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES  
15 ADOPTED PURSUANT TO IT, AND THE "STUDENT DATA TRANSPARENCY  
16 AND SECURITY ACT", ARTICLE 16 OF THIS TITLE 22, AND ANY RULES  
17 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO IT. AT A MINIMUM, THIS INCLUDES  
18 REDACTING INFORMATION AS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND  
19 STATE LAWS REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF STUDENT DATA IN  
20 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OR REPORTS REGARDING FUNDING PURSUANT TO  
21 THIS ARTICLE 54.

22 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-54-103.2 as  
23 follows:

24 **22-54-103.2. District total program formula report.**  
25 (1) BEGINNING JANUARY 2026, AND EACH JANUARY THEREAFTER, THE  
26 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REPORT, AT A MINIMUM, THE  
27 INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO THE

1 EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
2 SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AS PART OF THE "SMART  
3 ACT" PRESENTATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF  
4 TITLE 2.

5 (2) IN ITS REPORT DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF  
6 THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REPORT, AT A  
7 MINIMUM, DATA DEMONSTRATING:

8 (a) THE SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES OF DETERMINING A  
9 DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-103.3 FOR  
10 REPORTS CONCERNING THE 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR THROUGH THE 2029-30  
11 BUDGET YEAR, AND THE SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES OF DETERMINING A  
12 DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-103.5 FOR  
13 REPORTS CONCERNING THE 2030-31 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH BUDGET  
14 YEAR THEREAFTER;

15 (b) HOW DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM, DETERMINED PURSUANT TO  
16 SECTION 22-54-103.3 FOR REPORTS CONCERNING THE 2025-26 BUDGET  
17 YEAR THROUGH THE 2029-30 BUDGET YEAR AND DETERMINED PURSUANT  
18 TO SECTION 22-54-103.5 FOR REPORTS CONCERNING THE 2030-31 BUDGET  
19 YEAR AND EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER, IS BEING USED AT THE  
20 SCHOOL LEVEL, INCLUDING TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT  
21 CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND INFORMATION  
22 CURRENTLY REPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN DISTRICT  
23 PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOTS; AND

24 (c) TRENDS AND CHALLENGES WITH DECLINING PUPIL  
25 ENROLLMENT, INFLUXES OF NEW ARRIVAL STUDENTS, AND STUDENTS WHO  
26 ENROLL IN OR DISENROLL FROM ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL, INCLUDING CHARTER  
27 SCHOOLS.

1 (3) AT A MINIMUM, THE DATA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF  
2 THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE:

3 (a) THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR  
4 AN AT-RISK PUPIL;

5 (b) THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR  
6 AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PUPIL;

7 (c) THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR  
8 A SPECIAL EDUCATION PUPIL;

9 (d) THE DISTRICT AVERAGE AMOUNT OF PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR  
10 AN AT-RISK PUPIL;

11 (e) THE DISTRICT AVERAGE AMOUNT OF PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR  
12 AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PUPIL;

13 (f) THE DISTRICT AVERAGE AMOUNT OF PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR A  
14 SPECIAL EDUCATION PUPIL;

15 (g) THE PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE  
16 DISTRICT; AND

17 (h) THE PROJECTED SHARE OF PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR EACH  
18 PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT, BASED ON ENROLLMENT.

19 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136  
20 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS  
21 SECTION CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

22 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-54-103.3 as  
23 follows:

24 **22-54-103.3. District total program - 2025-26 through 2029-30**  
25 **budget years - definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY  
26 PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, FOR THE 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR  
27 THROUGH THE 2029-30 BUDGET YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1 SHALL DETERMINE EACH DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS  
2 SECTION. THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT  
3 TO FUND THE COSTS OF PROVIDING PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND, EXCEPT AS  
4 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-54-105, THE DISTRICT HAS THE  
5 DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES FOR BUDGETING  
6 AND EXPENDING ITS DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM MONEY.

7 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO  
8 THE CONTRARY, IF A DISTRICT IS AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S  
9 ACCOUNTING DISTRICT, THEN THE DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM  
10 DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ALSO REPRESENTS THE  
11 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL BASE OF SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC  
12 EDUCATION, EVEN THOUGH THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS NOT THE  
13 DISTRICT'S SCHOOL. THE AMOUNT OF THE DISTRICT'S STATE SHARE OF  
14 TOTAL PROGRAM THAT IS WITHHELD FROM THE DISTRICT AND PAID TO THE  
15 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-115  
16 (1.3) IS NOT AVAILABLE TO OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DISTRICT BUT  
17 IS AVAILABLE TO AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE INSTITUTE CHARTER  
18 SCHOOL'S GOVERNING BOARD TO FUND THE COSTS OF PROVIDING PUBLIC  
19 EDUCATION TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL.  
20 THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL HAS THE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE  
21 AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES FOR BUDGETING AND EXPENDING ITS TOTAL  
22 PROGRAM MONEY.

23 (c) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "FOR THE 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR  
24 THROUGH THE 2029-30 BUDGET YEAR" MEANS THE 2025-26 BUDGET  
25 YEAR, THE 2026-27 BUDGET YEAR, THE 2027-28 BUDGET YEAR, THE  
26 2028-29 BUDGET YEAR, AND THE 2029-30 BUDGET YEAR.

27 (2) FOR THE 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR THROUGH THE 2029-30

1 BUDGET YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CALCULATE EACH  
2 DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 22-54-103.5 AND  
3 22-54-104.

4 (3) FOR THE 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR THROUGH THE 2029-30  
5 BUDGET YEAR, A DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM IS THE GREATER OF THE  
6 DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION  
7 22-54-104 PLUS ONE-HALF PERCENT OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM  
8 CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104, OR:

9 (a) FOR THE 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR, ■ THE AMOUNT CALCULATED  
10 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104 PLUS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO EIGHTEEN  
11 PERCENT OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM  
12 CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-103.5 AND THE DISTRICT'S  
13 TOTAL PROGRAM CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104;

14 (b) FOR THE 2026-27 BUDGET YEAR, ■ THE AMOUNT CALCULATED  
15 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104 PLUS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO  
16 THIRTY-FOUR PERCENT OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DISTRICT'S  
17 TOTAL PROGRAM CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-103.5 AND  
18 THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION  
19 22-54-104;

20 (c) FOR THE 2027-28 BUDGET YEAR, ■ THE AMOUNT CALCULATED  
21 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104 PLUS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO FIFTY  
22 PERCENT OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM  
23 CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-103.5 AND THE DISTRICT'S  
24 TOTAL PROGRAM CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104;

25 (d) FOR THE 2028-29 BUDGET YEAR, ■ THE AMOUNT CALCULATED  
26 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104 PLUS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO SIXTY-SIX  
27 PERCENT OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM



1 CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-103.5 AND THE DISTRICT'S  
2 TOTAL PROGRAM CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104; AND

3 (e) FOR THE 2029-30 BUDGET YEAR, ■ THE AMOUNT CALCULATED  
4 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104 PLUS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO  
5 EIGHTY-TWO PERCENT OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DISTRICT'S  
6 TOTAL PROGRAM CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-103.5 AND  
7 THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM CALCULATION PURSUANT TO SECTION  
8 22-54-104.

9 (4) FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR THROUGH THE 2029-30  
10 BUDGET YEAR, THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL MONITOR THE FISCAL  
11 IMPACT OF THE DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO  
12 THIS SECTION AND THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE TRANSITION TO THE TOTAL  
13 PROGRAM FORMULA PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-103.5. AT A MINIMUM,  
14 THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER IMMEDIATE AND  
15 FORECASTED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, THE IMPACT OR TREND OF THE  
16 STATEWIDE TOTAL LOCAL SHARE OF TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING, THE  
17 IMPACT OR TREND OF THE STATE EDUCATION FUND, AND ANY OTHER  
18 DATA-DRIVEN CONSIDERATIONS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABLE  
19 TRANSITION TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW TOTAL PROGRAM  
20 FORMULA. THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
21 MAY TAKE ACTION NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION  
22 TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW TOTAL PROGRAM FORMULA. ■

23 ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
24 MAKES MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENTS, THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL  
25 DEVELOP A SUSTAINABILITY PLAN THAT MAKES FINDINGS AND  
26 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN  
27 FULLY FUND TOTAL PROGRAM DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS

1 22-54-103.3 AND 22-54-103.5. ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, AND  
2 ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, WHEN THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAKES MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENTS, THE JOINT  
4 BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW THE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND  
5 UPDATE IT AS NECESSARY.

6 (5) (a) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5), UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
7 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8 (I) "ASSESSMENT YEAR" MEANS A BUDGET YEAR WHEN THE  
9 LATTER HALF OF THE BUDGET YEAR OCCURS DURING AN EVEN-NUMBERED  
10 CALENDAR YEAR.

11 (II) "INFLATION" MEANS, FOR ANY BUDGET YEAR, THE ANNUAL  
12 PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
13 STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DENVER-BOULDER, OR ITS  
14 APPLICABLE SUCCESSOR INDEX, FOR ALL ITEMS PAID BY ALL URBAN  
15 CONSUMERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEFORE THE APPLICABLE BUDGET  
16 YEAR.

17 (III) "NON-ASSESSMENT YEAR" MEANS A BUDGET YEAR WHEN THE  
18 LATTER HALF OF THE BUDGET YEAR OCCURS DURING AN ODD-NUMBERED  
19 CALENDAR YEAR.

20 (b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 54,  
21 FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR THROUGH THE 2029-30 BUDGET YEARS,  
22 IF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT ANY ONE OF THE  
23 CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(c) OF THIS SECTION  
24 OCCURRED:

25 (A) FOR THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR, AND FOR EACH BUDGET YEAR  
26 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CALCULATE AND  
27 DETERMINE EACH DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE

1 CALCULATION AND DETERMINATION REQUIRED FOR THE BUDGET YEAR  
2 WHEN THE CONDITION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(c) OF THIS SECTION  
3 OCCURRED; AND

4 (B) THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE  
5 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
6 SENATE; THE MINORITY LEADERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND  
7 THE SENATE; THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES;  
9 AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT THE  
10 CONDITION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(c) OF THIS SECTION OCCURRED,  
11 AND THAT EACH DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM WILL BE CALCULATED AND  
12 DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION FOR  
13 THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR, AND FOR EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER.

14 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 54,  
15 DURING THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR, IF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE  
16 DETERMINES THAT ANY ONE OF THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN  
17 SUBSECTION (5)(c) OF THIS SECTION OCCURRED, FOR THE 2025-26 BUDGET  
18 YEAR, \_\_\_\_\_ THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CALCULATE AND  
19 DETERMINE EACH DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE  
20 CALCULATION AND DETERMINATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
21 22-54-104.

22 (c) (I) THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF  
23 THIS SECTION ARE INITIATED IF:

24 (A) IN AN ASSESSMENT YEAR, THE PERCENT CHANGE IN THE  
25 STATEWIDE TOTAL LOCAL SHARE OF TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE  
26 CURRENT BUDGET YEAR TO THE STATEWIDE TOTAL LOCAL SHARE OF THE  
27 TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE PRIOR BUDGET YEAR IS AN AMOUNT

1 THAT IS LESS THAN INFLATION MINUS TWO PERCENT;

2 (B) IN A NON-ASSESSMENT YEAR, THE STATEWIDE TOTAL LOCAL  
3 SHARE OF TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE CURRENT BUDGET YEAR  
4 COMPARED TO THE STATEWIDE TOTAL LOCAL SHARE OF THE TOTAL  
5 PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE PRIOR BUDGET YEAR IS AN AMOUNT THAT  
6 DECREASED BY TWO PERCENT OR MORE; OR

7 (C) IN EITHER AN ASSESSMENT YEAR OR A NON-ASSESSMENT YEAR,  
8 THE MARCH REVENUE FORECAST RELIED ON BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
9 IN SETTING THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT STATE FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATES  
10 THAT THE INCOME TAX DIVERSION TO THE STATE EDUCATION FUND, AS  
11 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE  
12 CONSTITUTION, WILL DECREASE BY FIVE PERCENT OR MORE IN EITHER THE  
13 CURRENT BUDGET YEAR OR THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR.

14 (II) THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS  
15 SECTION ARE INITIATED IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATE THAT THE  
16 CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(c)(I)(A) OR (5)(c)(I)(B) OF  
17 THIS SECTION WILL OCCUR:

18 (A) INFORMATION CONCERNING LOCAL SHARE OF TOTAL PROGRAM  
19 FUNDING RELEVANT TO THIS ARTICLE 54 CONTAINED IN A DECEMBER  
20 REVENUE FORECAST PREPARED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF;

21 (B) INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FINAL FISCAL NOTE  
22 PREPARED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF CONCERNING THE  
23 ESTIMATED IMPACT OF AN ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT BECOMES  
24 LAW THAT REDUCES PROPERTY TAXES; OR

25 (C) INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
26 IN THE BALLOT INFORMATION BOOKLET PREPARED BY THE DIRECTOR OF  
27 RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-40-124.5, CONCERNING THE ESTIMATED IMPACT  
2 OF AN INITIATIVE OR REFERRED MEASURE THAT IS APPROVED BY THE  
3 PEOPLE AND BECOMES LAW UPON OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE VOTE BY  
4 THE GOVERNOR, THAT REDUCES PROPERTY TAXES.

5 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2031.

6 SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 22-54-103.5 as  
7 follows:

8 22-54-103.5. District total program - rules - legislative  
9 declaration - repeal. (1) (a) FOR THE 2030-31 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH  
10 BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL USE  
11 THIS SECTION TO DETERMINE EACH DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM. THE  
12 DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT TO FUND THE  
13 COSTS OF PROVIDING PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE  
14 PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-54-105, THE DISTRICT HAS THE DISCRETION TO  
15 DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES FOR BUDGETING AND  
16 EXPENDING ITS DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM MONEY.

17 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO  
18 THE CONTRARY, IF A DISTRICT IS AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S  
19 ACCOUNTING DISTRICT, THEN THE DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM  
20 DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ALSO REPRESENTS THE  
21 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL BASE OF SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC  
22 EDUCATION, EVEN THOUGH THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS NOT THE  
23 DISTRICT'S SCHOOL. THE AMOUNT OF THE DISTRICT'S STATE SHARE OF  
24 TOTAL PROGRAM THAT IS WITHHELD FROM THE DISTRICT AND PAID TO THE  
25 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-115  
26 (1.3) IS NOT AVAILABLE TO OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DISTRICT BUT  
27 IS AVAILABLE TO AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE INSTITUTE CHARTER

1 SCHOOL'S GOVERNING BOARD TO FUND THE COSTS OF PROVIDING PUBLIC  
2 EDUCATION TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL.  
3 THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL HAS THE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE  
4 AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES FOR BUDGETING AND EXPENDING ITS TOTAL  
5 PROGRAM MONEY.

6 (c) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE  
7 CONTRARY, FOR THE 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR THROUGH THE 2029-30  
8 BUDGET YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CALCULATE EACH  
9 DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE  
10 OF DETERMINING EACH DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION  
11 22-54-103.3. THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO THE  
12 DISTRICT TO FUND THE COSTS OF PROVIDING PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND,  
13 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-54-105, THE DISTRICT  
14 HAS THE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES FOR  
15 BUDGETING AND EXPENDING ITS DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM MONEY.

16 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION TO  
17 THE CONTRARY, IF A DISTRICT IS AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S  
18 ACCOUNTING DISTRICT, THEN THE DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM  
19 CALCULATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ALSO REPRESENTS THE  
20 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL BASE OF SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC  
21 EDUCATION, EVEN THOUGH THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS NOT THE  
22 DISTRICT'S SCHOOL. THE AMOUNT OF THE DISTRICT'S STATE SHARE OF  
23 TOTAL PROGRAM THAT IS WITHHELD FROM THE DISTRICT AND PAID TO THE  
24 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-115  
25 (1.3) IS NOT AVAILABLE TO OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DISTRICT BUT  
26 IS AVAILABLE TO AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE INSTITUTE CHARTER  
27 SCHOOL'S GOVERNING BOARD TO FUND THE COSTS OF PROVIDING PUBLIC

1 EDUCATION TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL.  
2 THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL HAS THE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE  
3 AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES FOR BUDGETING AND EXPENDING ITS TOTAL  
4 PROGRAM MONEY.

5 (III) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
6 2031.

7 (2) **District total program formula.** A DISTRICT'S TOTAL  
8 PROGRAM IS:

- 9 DISTRICT FOUNDATION FUNDING
- 10 + DISTRICT AT-RISK FUNDING
- 11 + DISTRICT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER FUNDING
- 12 + DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING
- 13 + DISTRICT COST OF LIVING FACTOR FUNDING
- 14 + DISTRICT LOCALE FACTOR FUNDING
- 15 + DISTRICT SIZE FACTOR FUNDING
- 16 + DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL FUNDING
- 17 + DISTRICT ONLINE FUNDING.

18 (3) **Statewide base per pupil funding.** (Reserved)

19 (4) **Funded pupil count.** FUNDED PUPIL COUNT IS:

20 (a) THE DISTRICT'S ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE  
21 APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR PLUS THE DISTRICT'S SUPPLEMENTAL  
22 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR PLUS  
23 THE DISTRICT'S EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE  
24 APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR PLUS THE GREATER OF:

25 (I) THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE  
26 BUDGET YEAR;

27 (II) THE AVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE

1 APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
2 THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR;

3 (III) THE AVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE  
4 APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
5 THE TWO IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS; OR

6 (IV) THE AVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE  
7 APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
8 THE THREE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS.

9 (b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE  
10 CONTRARY, FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A  
11 DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT INCLUDES THE CERTIFIED PUPIL  
12 ENROLLMENT AND ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT OF EACH OPERATING  
13 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR WHICH THE DISTRICT IS THE ACCOUNTING  
14 DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (4)(b)(II) AND  
15 (4)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADD  
16 THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S CERTIFIED PUPIL ENROLLMENT AND  
17 ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT TO THE FUNDED PUPIL COUNT OF THE DISTRICT  
18 PRIOR TO CALCULATING THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO  
19 THIS SECTION.

20 (II) FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (4)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION,  
21 EACH OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S CERTIFIED PUPIL  
22 ENROLLMENT IS THE GREATER OF:

23 (A) THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL  
24 ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR;

25 (B) THE AVERAGE OF THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER  
26 SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND  
27 THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR



1 THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR;

2 (C) THE AVERAGE OF THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER  
3 SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND  
4 THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
5 THE TWO IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS; OR

6 (D) THE AVERAGE OF THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER  
7 SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND  
8 THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
9 THE THREE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS.

10 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE  
11 CONTRARY, FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (4)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION, AN  
12 OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT INCLUDES  
13 ITS ONLINE STUDENT ENROLLMENT, EXCEPT FOR MULTI-DISTRICT ONLINE  
14 SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLMENT.

15 (c) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT FOR THE  
16 PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION,  
17 AVERAGING A DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE  
18 BUDGET YEAR AND THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE THREE  
19 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
20 (4), AND AVERAGING AN OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S  
21 STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT PURSUANT TO  
22 THIS SUBSECTION (4), IS A PROGRAM FOR ACCOUNTABLE EDUCATION  
23 REFORM AND MAY THEREFORE RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE STATE  
24 EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE  
25 STATE CONSTITUTION.

26 (d) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE  
27 CONTRARY, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), A DISTRICT'S

1 PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND A DISTRICT'S  
2 PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR A PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR DO NOT INCLUDE A  
3 PUPIL WHO IS OR WAS ENROLLED IN A CHARTER SCHOOL THAT WAS  
4 ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE DISTRICT BUT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY  
5 CONVERTED, ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2010, TO AN INSTITUTE CHARTER  
6 SCHOOL OR TO A CHARTER SCHOOL OF A DISTRICT CONTIGUOUS TO THE  
7 ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZING DISTRICT.

8 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBSECTION (4)  
9 TO THE CONTRARY, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), IF A  
10 DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT CALCULATED PURSUANT TO THIS  
11 SUBSECTION (4) FOR A BUDGET YEAR IS FEWER THAN SIXTY STUDENTS, THE  
12 DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR THE BUDGET YEAR IS SIXTY  
13 STUDENTS.

14 (5) **District foundation funding.** A DISTRICT'S FOUNDATION  
15 FUNDING IS:

16 (STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING X (DISTRICT FUNDED PUPIL  
17 COUNT - DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT -  
18 DISTRICT ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT)).

19 (6) **District at-risk funding.** (a) A DISTRICT'S AT-RISK FUNDING  
20 IS:

21 (STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING X TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT)  
22 X DISTRICT AT-RISK PUPIL ENROLLMENT.

23 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IF A  
24 DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT IS LESS THAN SEVEN THOUSAND PUPILS  
25 AND THE DISTRICT PERCENTAGE OF AT-RISK PUPILS IS SEVENTY PERCENT  
26 OR GREATER, THE DISTRICT'S AT-RISK FUNDING IS:

27 (STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING X THIRTY-TWO PERCENT)

1           X DISTRICT AT-RISK PUPIL ENROLLMENT.

2           (7) **District English language learner funding.** A DISTRICT'S  
3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER FUNDING IS:

4           (STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING X TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT)  
5 X DISTRICT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PUPIL ENROLLMENT.

6           (8) **District extended high school funding.** (a) A DISTRICT'S  
7 EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL FUNDING IS:

8           (DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT X \$9,588,  
9 OR AN AMOUNT DETERMINED PURSUANT SUBSECTION (8)(b) OF  
10 THIS SECTION).

11          (b) THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IN SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
12 MUST INCREASE BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE THAT THE STATEWIDE BASE  
13 PER PUPIL FUNDING FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR IS INCREASED. THE  
14 AMOUNT MUST BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR.

15          (9) **District online funding.** (a) A DISTRICT'S ONLINE FUNDING IS:  
16 (DISTRICT ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT X \$9,588, OR AN AMOUNT  
17 DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (9)(b) OF THIS SECTION).

18          (b) THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IN SUBSECTION (9)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
19 MUST INCREASE BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE THAT THE STATEWIDE BASE  
20 PER PUPIL FUNDING FOR THAT BUDGET YEAR IS INCREASED. THE AMOUNT  
21 MUST BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR.

22          (10) **District special education pupil funding.** A DISTRICT'S  
23 SPECIAL EDUCATION PUPIL FUNDING IS:

24          (STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING X TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT)  
25 X DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION PUPIL ENROLLMENT.

26          (11) **District cost of living factor funding - rules.** (a) A  
27 DISTRICT'S COST OF LIVING FACTOR FUNDING IS:

1 (STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING X (DISTRICT FUNDED PUPIL  
2 COUNT - DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT -  
3 DISTRICT ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT) X DISTRICT COST OF LIVING  
4 FACTOR).

5 (b) (I) A DISTRICT'S COST OF LIVING FACTOR IS DETERMINED  
6 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (11)(c) OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT,  
7 NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SUBSECTION (11) TO THE CONTRARY, A  
8 DISTRICT'S COST OF LIVING FACTOR MUST NOT EXCEED TWENTY-THREE  
9 PERCENT.

10 (II) THE COST OF LIVING FACTOR ALLOWED FOR EACH DISTRICT  
11 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (11) REFLECTS THE DIFFERENCES IN THE  
12 COSTS OF HOUSING, GOODS, AND SERVICES AMONG REGIONS IN WHICH  
13 DISTRICTS ARE LOCATED. THE FACTOR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY ANNUAL  
14 INCREASE IN THE COSTS OF HOUSING, GOODS, AND SERVICES CAUSED BY  
15 INFLATION.

16 (c) (I) FOR THE 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR, A DISTRICT'S COST OF  
17 LIVING FACTOR IS THE DISTRICT'S COST OF LIVING AMOUNT IDENTIFIED IN  
18 THE 2023 COST OF LIVING ANALYSIS ADJUSTED FOR LABOR POOL AREAS,  
19 DIVIDED BY THE MINIMUM COST OF LIVING AMOUNT FOR A DISTRICT  
20 IDENTIFIED IN THE 2023 COST OF LIVING ANALYSIS ADJUSTED FOR LABOR  
21 POOL AREAS, MINUS ONE.

22 (II) FOR THE 2026-27 AND 2027-28 BUDGET YEARS, A DISTRICT'S  
23 COST OF LIVING FACTOR IS THE DISTRICT'S COST OF LIVING AMOUNT  
24 IDENTIFIED IN THE 2025 COST OF LIVING ANALYSIS ADJUSTED FOR LABOR  
25 POOL AREAS, DIVIDED BY THE MINIMUM COST OF LIVING AMOUNT FOR A  
26 DISTRICT IDENTIFIED IN THE 2025 COST OF LIVING ANALYSIS ADJUSTED FOR  
27 LABOR POOL AREAS, MINUS ONE.

1 (III) FOR EVERY TWO-YEAR BUDGET YEAR PERIOD THEREAFTER, A  
2 DISTRICT'S COST OF LIVING FACTOR IS THE DISTRICT'S COST OF LIVING  
3 AMOUNT, IDENTIFIED IN THE BIENNIAL COST OF LIVING ANALYSIS  
4 ADJUSTED FOR LABOR POOL AREAS, DIVIDED BY THE MINIMUM COST OF  
5 LIVING AMOUNT FOR A DISTRICT IDENTIFIED IN THE MOST RECENT COST OF  
6 LIVING ANALYSIS ADJUSTED FOR LABOR POOL AREAS, MINUS ONE.

7 (IV) THE COST OF LIVING FACTOR FOR EACH DISTRICT MUST BE  
8 CERTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
9 STAFF FOR EACH TWO-YEAR PERIOD THEREAFTER BASED UPON A NEW COST  
10 OF LIVING ANALYSIS. THE CERTIFICATION MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN  
11 APRIL 15 OF THE APPLICABLE YEAR AND IS EFFECTIVE FOR THE BUDGET  
12 YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1 OF THAT YEAR AND THE BUDGET YEAR  
13 THEREAFTER.

14 (V) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL TRANSFER A PORTION  
15 OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE  
16 ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THAT BUDGET YEAR FOR  
17 ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE, AND STATE  
18 SHARE OF DISTRICTS' TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING TO THE LEGISLATIVE  
19 COUNCIL TO FUND THE COST OF LIVING ANALYSIS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
20 THIS SUBSECTION (11). THE AMOUNT TRANSFERRED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
21 OF EDUCATION MUST NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN A  
22 FOOTNOTE RELATED TO THIS APPROPRIATION IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL  
23 APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THAT BUDGET YEAR. THE REMAINDER OF THE  
24 AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PUBLIC  
25 SCHOOL FINANCE, AND STATE SHARE OF DISTRICTS' TOTAL PROGRAM  
26 FUNDING MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE MANNER  
27 PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-54-106 (4)(c).

1 (d) (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMULGATE  
2 RULES FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A COST OF LIVING FACTOR TO ANY NEW  
3 DISTRICT ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 30 OF THIS TITLE 22, EXCEPT  
4 FOR NEW DISTRICTS THAT ARE CREATED AS THE RESULT OF A  
5 DECONSOLIDATION AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-30-102 (2)(a), UNTIL THE  
6 COST OF LIVING FACTOR FOR THE DISTRICT IS CERTIFIED BY LEGISLATIVE  
7 COUNCIL STAFF PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

8 (II) THE RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
9 (11)(d) MUST BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE NEITHER AN INCENTIVE NOR A  
10 DISINCENTIVE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO  
11 ARTICLE 30 OF THIS TITLE 22 AND MUST INCLUDE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE  
12 THAT THE COST OF LIVING FACTOR WITHIN A NEW DISTRICT IS NOT  
13 REDUCED SOLELY BECAUSE THE NEW DISTRICT IS THE RESULT OF A  
14 CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING DISTRICTS. THE RULES MUST CONSIDER THE  
15 COST OF LIVING FACTORS ASSIGNED TO THE DISTRICTS THAT ARE AFFECTED  
16 BY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW DISTRICT AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
17 OF THE NEW DISTRICT BASED ON THE MOST RECENT COST OF LIVING  
18 ANALYSIS PERFORMED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

19 (III) NEW DISTRICTS THAT ARE CREATED AS THE RESULT OF A  
20 DECONSOLIDATION AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-30-102 (2)(a) RETAIN  
21 THE COST OF LIVING FACTOR OF THE DISTRICT FROM WHICH THEY WERE  
22 SEPARATED UNTIL THE COST OF LIVING FACTOR FOR THE NEW DISTRICT IS  
23 CERTIFIED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF PURSUANT TO THIS  
24 SECTION.

25 (12) **District locale factor funding.** (a) A DISTRICT'S LOCALE  
26 FACTOR FUNDING IS:

27 (STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING X (DISTRICT FUNDED PUPIL

1           COUNT - DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT -  
2           DISTRICT ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT) X DISTRICT LOCALE  
3           FACTOR).

4           (b) A DISTRICT'S LOCALE FACTOR IS:

5           (I) TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS  
6           RURAL REMOTE;

7           (II) TWENTY PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS RURAL  
8           DISTANT;

9           (III) FIFTEEN PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS RURAL  
10          FRINGE;

11          (IV) TEN PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS TOWN  
12          REMOTE;

13          (V) FIVE PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS TOWN  
14          DISTANT;

15          (VI) TWO AND A HALF PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS  
16          TOWN FRINGE;

17          (VII) ZERO PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS SUBURBAN  
18          SMALL;

19          (VIII) ZERO PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS SUBURBAN  
20          MIDSIZE;

21          (IX) ZERO PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS SUBURBAN  
22          LARGE;

23          (X) ZERO PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS CITY SMALL;

24          (XI) ZERO PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS CITY  
25          MIDSIZE; OR

26          (XII) ZERO PERCENT, IF THE DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS CITY  
27          LARGE.

1 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (12)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IF A  
2 DISTRICT IS CLASSIFIED AS RURAL REMOTE OR TOWN REMOTE, THE  
3 DISTRICT'S LOCALE FACTOR FUNDING IS THE AMOUNT DETERMINED  
4 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (12)(a) OF THIS SECTION PLUS ONE HUNDRED  
5 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

6 (d) A DISTRICT'S CLASSIFICATION, AS DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO  
7 SUBSECTION (12)(b) OR (12)(c) OF THIS SECTION, IS DETERMINED BY THE  
8 LATEST CLASSIFICATIONS OR CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA ISSUED BY THE  
9 NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS IN THE INSTITUTE OF  
10 EDUCATION SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
11 EDUCATION.

12 (e) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (12)(d) OF THIS SECTION, IF  
13 A DISTRICT DOES NOT ALIGN WITH A CLASSIFICATION ISSUED BY THE  
14 NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
15 EDUCATION SHALL DESIGNATE THE DISTRICT'S LOCALE FACTOR BASED ON  
16 CONSIDERATIONS THAT ALIGN IT WITH A SIMILARLY SITUATED DISTRICT  
17 THAT HAS A CLASSIFICATION ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR  
18 EDUCATION STATISTICS. IF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS REQUIRED  
19 TO DESIGNATE THE DISTRICT'S LOCALE FACTOR PURSUANT TO THIS  
20 SUBSECTION (12)(e), THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CONSULT  
21 WITH LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL STAFF CONCERNING THE ADJUSTMENT FOR  
22 ANY INFORMATION NECESSARY TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION.

23 (13) **District size factor funding.** (a) A DISTRICT'S SIZE FACTOR  
24 FUNDING IS:

25 (STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING X (DISTRICT FUNDED PUPIL  
26 COUNT - DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT -  
27 DISTRICT ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT) X DISTRICT SIZE FACTOR).



1 (b) A DISTRICT'S SIZE FACTOR IS:

2 (I) IF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT IS LESS THAN TWO  
3 HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX:

4  $0.5457 + (0.00376159 \times \text{THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FUNDED}$   
5  $\text{PUPIL COUNT AND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX}).$

6 (II) IF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT IS TWO HUNDRED  
7 SEVENTY-SIX OR MORE BUT LESS THAN FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE:

8  $0.2385 + (0.00167869 \times \text{THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FUNDED}$   
9  $\text{PUPIL COUNT AND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE}).$

10 (III) IF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT IS FOUR HUNDRED  
11 FIFTY-NINE OR MORE BUT LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-SEVEN:

12  $0.1215 + (0.00020599 \times \text{THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FUNDED}$   
13  $\text{PUPIL COUNT AND ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-SEVEN}).$

14 (IV) IF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT IS ONE THOUSAND  
15 TWENTY-SEVEN OR MORE BUT LESS THAN TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED  
16 NINETY-THREE:

17  $0.0533 + (0.00005387 \times \text{THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FUNDED}$   
18  $\text{PUPIL COUNT AND TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE}).$

19 (V) IF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT IS TWO THOUSAND  
20 TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE OR MORE BUT LESS THAN THREE THOUSAND  
21 FIVE HUNDRED:

22  $0.0368 + (0.00001367 \times \text{THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FUNDED}$   
23  $\text{PUPIL COUNT AND THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED}).$

24 (VI) IF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT IS THREE THOUSAND  
25 FIVE HUNDRED OR MORE BUT LESS THAN SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED:

26  $0.0297 + (0.00000473 \times \text{THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FUNDED}$   
27  $\text{PUPIL COUNT AND SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED}).$

1 (VII) IF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT IS SIX THOUSAND  
2 FIVE HUNDRED OR MORE: 0.00.

3 (c) (I) IF THE REORGANIZATION OF A DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS  
4 RESULTS IN A DISTRICT INVOLVED IN THE REORGANIZATION HAVING A  
5 GREATER SIZE FACTOR THAN THE ORIGINAL DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS HAD  
6 FOR THE BUDGET YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING REORGANIZATION, THE  
7 DISTRICTS INVOLVED IN THE REORGANIZATION MUST USE, FOR EACH  
8 BUDGET YEAR, THE SIZE FACTOR THE ORIGINAL DISTRICT HAD PRIOR TO  
9 THE REORGANIZATION OR, IF TWO OR MORE DISTRICTS REORGANIZE INTO  
10 A SINGLE DISTRICT, THE SIZE FACTOR OF THE ORIGINAL DISTRICT WITH THE  
11 LOWEST SIZE FACTOR FOR THE BUDGET YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING  
12 REORGANIZATION. A DISTRICT INVOLVED IN THE REORGANIZATION SHALL  
13 NOT, FOR ANY BUDGET YEAR, USE THE SIZE FACTOR THAT WOULD  
14 OTHERWISE BE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (13).

15 (II) IF THE REORGANIZATION OF A DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS RESULTS  
16 IN A DISTRICT INVOLVED IN THE REORGANIZATION HAVING A LOWER SIZE  
17 FACTOR THAN THE ORIGINAL DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS HAD FOR THE BUDGET  
18 YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING REORGANIZATION, THE NEW DISTRICT OR  
19 DISTRICTS MUST USE A SIZE FACTOR DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

20 (A) FOR THE FIRST BUDGET YEAR FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION,  
21 THE SIZE FACTOR OF THE ORIGINAL DISTRICT FOR THE BUDGET YEAR  
22 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING REORGANIZATION OR, IF TWO OR MORE  
23 DISTRICTS ARE INVOLVED IN THE REORGANIZATION, THE WEIGHTED  
24 AVERAGE SIZE FACTOR OF THE ORIGINAL DISTRICTS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR  
25 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING REORGANIZATION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
26 SUBSECTION (13)(c)(II)(A), THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE SIZE FACTOR IS THE  
27 SUM OF THE AMOUNTS CALCULATED BY MULTIPLYING THE FUNDED PUPIL

1 COUNTS OF THE ORIGINAL DISTRICTS BY THE SIZE FACTOR OF THE ORIGINAL  
2 DISTRICTS AND DIVIDING THAT SUM BY THE TOTAL FUNDED PUPIL COUNT  
3 OF THE ORIGINAL DISTRICTS.

4 (B) FOR THE SECOND BUDGET YEAR FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION,  
5 THE SIZE FACTOR FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR MINUS  
6 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-FIFTH OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SIZE  
7 FACTOR FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR AND THE SIZE  
8 FACTOR DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (13)(b) OF THIS SECTION;

9 (C) FOR THE THIRD BUDGET YEAR FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION,  
10 THE SIZE FACTOR FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR MINUS  
11 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-FOURTH OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE  
12 SIZE FACTOR FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR AND THE  
13 SIZE FACTOR DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (13)(b) OF THIS  
14 SECTION;

15 (D) FOR THE FOURTH BUDGET YEAR FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION,  
16 THE SIZE FACTOR FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR MINUS  
17 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-THIRD OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SIZE  
18 FACTOR FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR AND THE SIZE  
19 FACTOR DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (13)(b) OF THIS SECTION;

20 (E) FOR THE FIFTH BUDGET YEAR FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION,  
21 THE SIZE FACTOR FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR MINUS  
22 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-HALF OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SIZE  
23 FACTOR FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR AND THE SIZE  
24 FACTOR DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (13)(b) OF THIS SECTION;

25 AND

26 (F) FOR THE SIXTH BUDGET YEAR FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION  
27 AND BUDGET YEARS THEREAFTER, THE SIZE FACTOR DETERMINED

1 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (13)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

2 (14) **Total program funding.** (Reserved)

3 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-104, **amend**  
4 (1) and (5)(b)(IV); and **add** (7) and (8) as follows:

5 **22-54-104. District total program - legislative declaration -**  
6 **definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) For every budget year ~~the provisions of~~  
7 THROUGH THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR, this section ~~shall~~ MUST be used to  
8 calculate for each district an amount that represents the financial base of  
9 support for public education in that district. Such amount shall be known  
10 as ~~the district's total program~~ DETERMINE EACH DISTRICT'S TOTAL  
11 PROGRAM. The district's total program ~~shall be~~ IS available to the district  
12 to fund the costs of providing public education, and, except as otherwise  
13 provided in section 22-54-105, ~~the amounts and purposes for which such~~  
14 ~~moneys are budgeted and expended shall be in the discretion of the~~  
15 ~~district~~ THE DISTRICT HAS THE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS  
16 AND PURPOSES FOR BUDGETING AND EXPENDING ITS TOTAL PROGRAM  
17 MONEY.

18 (b) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of paragraph (a) of this~~  
19 ~~subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, if  
20 a district is ~~the accounting district of an institute charter school~~ AN  
21 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTING DISTRICT, then the ~~calculation~~  
22 ~~of total program pursuant to the provisions of this section shall also~~  
23 ~~represent the financial base of support for the institute charter school~~  
24 TOTAL PROGRAM DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ALSO  
25 REPRESENTS THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL BASE OF  
26 SUPPORT, even though the institute charter school is not a school of the  
27 district. The amount of the district's state share of total program that is

1 withheld from the district and paid to the state charter school institute  
2 pursuant to ~~the provisions of section 22-54-115 (1.3) shall~~ IS not be  
3 available to ~~nor~~ OR under the control of the district but ~~shall be~~ IS under  
4 the control of the INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S governing board ~~of the~~  
5 ~~institute charter school~~ to fund the costs of providing public education to  
6 pupils enrolled in the institute charter school. ~~and the amounts and~~  
7 ~~purposes for which such moneys are budgeted and expended shall be in~~  
8 ~~the discretion of the institute charter school.~~ THE INSTITUTE CHARTER  
9 SCHOOL HAS THE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES  
10 FOR BUDGETING AND EXPENDING ITS TOTAL PROGRAM MONEY.

11 (c) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE  
12 CONTRARY, FOR THE 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR THROUGH THE 2029-30  
13 BUDGET YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CALCULATE EACH  
14 DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE  
15 OF DETERMINING EACH DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION  
16 22-54-103.3. THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO THE  
17 DISTRICT TO FUND THE COSTS OF PROVIDING PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND,  
18 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-54-105, THE DISTRICT  
19 HAS THE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES FOR  
20 BUDGETING AND EXPENDING ITS DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM MONEY.

21 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION TO  
22 THE CONTRARY, IF A DISTRICT IS AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S  
23 ACCOUNTING DISTRICT, THEN THE DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM  
24 CALCULATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ALSO REPRESENTS THE  
25 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL BASE OF SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC  
26 EDUCATION, EVEN THOUGH THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS NOT THE  
27 DISTRICT'S SCHOOL. THE AMOUNT OF THE DISTRICT'S STATE SHARE OF

1 TOTAL PROGRAM THAT IS WITHHELD FROM THE DISTRICT AND PAID TO THE  
2 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-115  
3 (1.3) IS NOT AVAILABLE TO OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DISTRICT BUT  
4 IS AVAILABLE TO AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE INSTITUTE CHARTER  
5 SCHOOL'S GOVERNING BOARD TO FUND THE COSTS OF PROVIDING PUBLIC  
6 EDUCATION TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL.  
7 THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL HAS THE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE  
8 AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES FOR BUDGETING AND EXPENDING ITS TOTAL  
9 PROGRAM MONEY.

10 (5) For purposes of the formulas used in this section:

11 (b) (IV) ~~For the 1998-99 budget year and budget years thereafter,~~  
12 The funded pupil count used to calculate a district's size factor pursuant  
13 to this ~~paragraph (b) shall be~~ SUBSECTION (5)(b) IS the funded pupil count  
14 ~~as calculated pursuant to section 22-54-103 (7)~~ reduced by sixty-five  
15 percent of the number of pupils included in the funded pupil count that  
16 are enrolled in charter schools in the district; except that ~~the provisions of~~  
17 ~~this subparagraph (IV) shall~~ THIS SUBSECTION (5)(b)(IV) only apply  
18 APPLIES to those districts with a funded pupil count ~~as calculated pursuant~~  
19 ~~to section 22-54-103 (7)~~ of five hundred or less FEWER.

20 (7) (a) FOR PURPOSES THIS SECTION, "FUNDED PUPIL COUNT"  
21 MEANS THE DISTRICT'S ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE  
22 BUDGET YEAR PLUS THE DISTRICT'S SUPPLEMENTAL KINDERGARTEN  
23 ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR PLUS THE DISTRICT'S  
24 EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET  
25 YEAR PLUS THE GREATER OF:

26 (I) THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE  
27 BUDGET YEAR;

1 (II) THE AVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE  
2 APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
3 THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR;

4 (III) THE AVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE  
5 APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
6 THE TWO IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS;

7 (IV) THE AVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE  
8 APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
9 THE THREE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS; OR

10 (V) THE AVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE  
11 APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
12 THE FOUR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS.

13 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE  
14 CONTRARY, FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A  
15 DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT INCLUDES THE CERTIFIED PUPIL  
16 ENROLLMENT AND ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT OF EACH OPERATING  
17 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR WHICH THE DISTRICT IS THE ACCOUNTING  
18 DISTRICT, AS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (7)(c) AND (7)(d) OF  
19 THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADD THE  
20 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S CERTIFIED PUPIL ENROLLMENT AND ONLINE  
21 PUPIL ENROLLMENT TO THE FUNDED PUPIL COUNT OF THE DISTRICT PRIOR  
22 TO CALCULATING THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS  
23 SECTION.

24 (c) FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (7)(b) OF THIS SECTION, EACH  
25 OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S CERTIFIED PUPIL ENROLLMENT  
26 IS THE GREATER OF:

27 (I) THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL

1 ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR;

2 (II) THE AVERAGE OF THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER  
3 SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND  
4 THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
5 THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR;

6 (III) THE AVERAGE OF THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER  
7 SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND  
8 THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
9 THE TWO IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS;

10 (IV) THE AVERAGE OF THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER  
11 SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND  
12 THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
13 THE THREE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS; OR

14 (V) THE AVERAGE OF THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER  
15 SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND  
16 THE OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
17 THE FOUR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS.

18 (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE  
19 CONTRARY, FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (7)(c) OF THIS SECTION, AN  
20 OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT INCLUDES  
21 ITS ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT, EXCEPT FOR MULTI-DISTRICT ONLINE  
22 SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT.

23 (e) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT FOR THE  
24 PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION,  
25 AVERAGING A DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE  
26 BUDGET YEAR AND THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE FOUR  
27 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING BUDGET YEARS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION



1 (7), AND AVERAGING AN OPERATING INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PUPIL  
2 ENROLLMENT AND ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT PURSUANT TO THIS  
3 SUBSECTION (7), IS A PROGRAM FOR ACCOUNTABLE EDUCATION REFORM  
4 AND MAY THEREFORE RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE STATE EDUCATION  
5 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE  
6 CONSTITUTION.

7 (f) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY,  
8 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (7), A DISTRICT'S PUPIL  
9 ENROLLMENT FOR THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR AND A DISTRICT'S PUPIL  
10 ENROLLMENT FOR ANY PRECEDING BUDGET YEAR DO NOT INCLUDE A PUPIL  
11 WHO IS OR WAS ENROLLED IN A CHARTER SCHOOL THAT WAS ORIGINALLY  
12 AUTHORIZED BY THE DISTRICT BUT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONVERTED, ON  
13 OR AFTER JULY 1, 2010, TO AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL OR TO A  
14 CHARTER SCHOOL OF A DISTRICT CONTIGUOUS TO THE ORIGINALLY  
15 AUTHORIZING DISTRICT.

16 (g) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBSECTION (7) TO  
17 THE CONTRARY, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (7), IF A  
18 DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT CALCULATED PURSUANT TO THIS  
19 SUBSECTION (7) FOR A BUDGET YEAR IS FEWER THAN FIFTY PUPILS, THE  
20 DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR THE BUDGET YEAR IS FIFTY PUPILS.

21 (h) SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVERAGING PUPIL ENROLLMENT  
22 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR A DISTRICT THAT  
23 OPERATES A FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADJUST THE DISTRICT'S PUPIL  
25 ENROLLMENTS FOR THE 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17, AND 2015-16 BUDGET  
26 YEARS BY COUNTING EACH PUPIL ENROLLED IN A FULL-DAY  
27 KINDERGARTEN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN ONE OF THOSE BUDGET YEARS

1 AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT. THE ADJUSTMENT TO PUPIL ENROLLMENT MADE  
2 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7)(h) DOES NOT AFFECT OR CHANGE THE  
3 FUNDED PUPIL COUNT USED TO CALCULATE A DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR  
4 SPENDING LIMITATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE  
5 STATE CONSTITUTION FOR A BUDGET YEAR COMMENCING BEFORE JULY 1,  
6 2019.

7 (8) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2031.

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9 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-20-114.3** as  
10 follows:

11 **22-20-114.3. Agreements with administrative units for special**  
12 **education services - legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN  
14 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION ARE NECESSARY AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC  
15 POLICY.

16 (2) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2025, A DISTRICT OR INSTITUTE  
17 CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS SERVED BY A MULTI-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE  
18 UNIT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE, OR PROVISION OF SPECIAL  
19 EDUCATION SERVICES MUST UPDATE AN EXISTING AGREEMENT  
20 CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES TO CONTAIN PROVISIONS  
21 REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF ANY DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION PUPIL  
22 FUNDING RECEIVED BY A SERVED DISTRICT OR INSTITUTE CHARTER  
23 SCHOOL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22.

24 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-41-102, **amend**  
25 (3)(h) introductory portion; and **add** (3)(i), (3)(j), and (3)(k) as follows:

26 **22-41-102. Fund inviolate.** (3) (h) For the 2022-23 state fiscal  
27 year ~~and each state fiscal year thereafter~~ THROUGH THE 2023-24 STATE

1 FISCAL YEAR, interest or income earned on the investment of the money  
2 in the public school fund must be used or credited as follows:

3 (i) FOR THE 2024-25 STATE FISCAL YEAR, INTEREST AND INCOME  
4 EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT OF THE MONEY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND  
5 MUST BE USED OR CREDITED AS FOLLOWS:

6 [REDACTED]  
7 (I) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE TO  
8 THE STATE TREASURER AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES  
9 OF THE INVESTMENT CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND  
10 INVESTMENT BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-41-102.5 (5) AND TO PAY  
11 FOR ANY REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES  
12 INCURRED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND INVESTMENT  
13 BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-41-102.5 (2);

14 (II) AFTER THE APPROPRIATION MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
15 (3)(i)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE LESSER OF ALL INTEREST AND INCOME OR  
16 ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IS CREDITED TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
17 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-54-114 FOR DISTRIBUTION AS PROVIDED IN  
18 THAT SECTION;

19 (III) AFTER MONEY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND HAS BEEN  
20 APPROPRIATED OR CREDITED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (3)(i)(I) AND  
21 (3)(i)(II) OF THIS SECTION, THE LESSER OF ALL INTEREST AND INCOME OR  
22 THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS IS CREDITED TO THE RESTRICTED ACCOUNT OF  
23 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FUND CREATED  
24 IN SECTION 22-43.7-104 (5) FOR USE AS PROVIDED IN THAT SECTION; AND

25 (IV) ANY ADDITIONAL INTEREST AND INCOME REMAINING IN THE  
26 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND MAY BE CREDITED AS SPECIFIED BY THE GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE

1 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND INVESTMENT BOARD DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
2 22-41-102.5 (4)(a)(III), OR, IF NOT CREDITED PURSUANT TO THIS  
3 SUBSECTION (3)(i)(IV), REMAINS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND.

4 (j) FOR THE 2025-26 STATE FISCAL YEAR, INTEREST AND INCOME  
5 EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT OF THE MONEY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND  
6 MUST BE USED OR CREDITED AS FOLLOWS:

7  
8 (I) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE TO  
9 THE STATE TREASURER AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES  
10 OF THE INVESTMENT CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND  
11 INVESTMENT BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-41-102.5 (5) AND TO PAY  
12 FOR ANY REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES  
13 INCURRED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND INVESTMENT  
14 BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-41-102.5 (2);

15 (II) AFTER THE APPROPRIATION MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
16 (3)(j)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE LESSER OF ALL INTEREST AND INCOME OR  
17 FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IS CREDITED TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND  
18 CREATED IN SECTION 22-54-114 FOR DISTRIBUTION AS PROVIDED IN THAT  
19 SECTION;

20 (III) AFTER MONEY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND HAS BEEN  
21 APPROPRIATED OR CREDITED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (3)(j)(I) AND  
22 (3)(j)(II) OF THIS SECTION, THE LESSER OF ALL INTEREST AND INCOME OR  
23 THIRTY-SIX MILLION DOLLARS IS CREDITED TO THE RESTRICTED ACCOUNT  
24 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FUND  
25 CREATED IN SECTION 22-43.7-104 (5) FOR USE AS PROVIDED IN THAT  
26 SECTION; AND

27 (IV) ANY ADDITIONAL INTEREST AND INCOME REMAINING IN THE

1 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND MAY BE CREDITED AS SPECIFIED BY THE GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
3 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND INVESTMENT BOARD DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
4 22-41-102.5 (4)(a)(III), OR, IF NOT CREDITED PURSUANT TO THIS  
5 SUBSECTION (3)(j)(IV), REMAINS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND.

6 (k) FOR THE 2026-27 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND EACH STATE FISCAL  
7 YEAR THEREAFTER, INTEREST AND INCOME EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT  
8 OF THE MONEY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND MUST BE USED OR CREDITED  
9 AS FOLLOWS:

10 (I) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE TO  
11 THE STATE TREASURER AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES  
12 OF THE INVESTMENT CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND  
13 INVESTMENT BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-41-102.5 (5) AND TO PAY  
14 FOR ANY REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES  
15 INCURRED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND INVESTMENT  
16 BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-41-102.5 (2);

17 (II) AFTER MONEY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND HAS BEEN  
18 APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(k)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
19 LESSER OF ALL INTEREST AND INCOME OR FORTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS  
20 IS CREDITED TO THE RESTRICTED ACCOUNT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
21 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
22 22-43.7-104 (5) FOR USE AS PROVIDED IN THAT SECTION; AND

23 (III) ANY ADDITIONAL INTEREST AND INCOME REMAINING IN THE  
24 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND MAY BE CREDITED AS SPECIFIED BY THE GENERAL  
25 ASSEMBLY, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
26 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND INVESTMENT BOARD DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
27 22-41-102.5 (4)(a)(III), OR, IF NOT CREDITED PURSUANT TO THIS

1 SUBSECTION (3)(k)(III), REMAINS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND.

2 SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-43.7-104,  
3 amend (2)(d) as follows:

4 22-43.7-104. Public school capital construction assistance fund  
5 - creation - crediting of money to fund - use of fund - emergency  
6 reserve - creation - reserve account - creation and use. (2) (d) (I) For  
7 the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018, the state treasurer,  
8 as provided in section 39-28.8-305 (1)(a), shall credit to the assistance  
9 fund the greater of the first forty million dollars received and collected  
10 from the excise tax on retail marijuana imposed pursuant to part 3 of  
11 article 28.8 of title 39 or ninety percent of the money received and  
12 collected from the tax. For the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019,  
13 and for each state fiscal year thereafter except for the state fiscal year  
14 commencing July 1, 2020, the state treasurer, as provided in section  
15 39-28.8-305 (1)(a), shall annually credit to the assistance fund all of the  
16 money received and collected from the excise tax on retail marijuana  
17 imposed pursuant to part 3 of article 28.8 of title 39. For the state fiscal  
18 year commencing July 1, 2020, the state treasurer, as provided in section  
19 39-28.8-305 (1)(a), shall credit to the assistance fund the lesser of the first  
20 forty million dollars received and collected from the excise tax on retail  
21 marijuana imposed pursuant to part 3 of article 28.8 of title 39 or all of  
22 the money received and collected from the tax. For state fiscal years  
23 commencing before July 1, 2019, the state treasurer shall credit twelve  
24 and five-tenths percent of the amount annually credited pursuant to this  
25 subsection (2)(d) to the charter school facilities assistance account, which  
26 account is created within the assistance fund. For each state fiscal year  
27 commencing on or after July 1, 2019, the state treasurer shall credit to the

1 charter school facilities assistance account a percentage of the amount  
2 credited pursuant to this subsection (2)(d) that is equal to the percentage  
3 of pupil enrollment, as defined in section 22-54-103 (10), statewide  
4 represented by pupils who were enrolled in charter schools for the prior  
5 school year. The department of education shall notify the state treasurer  
6 of the applicable percentage no later than June 1 of the immediately  
7 preceding fiscal year.

8 (II) IN ADDITION TO THE CREDIT MADE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL  
9 FACILITIES ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(d)(I) OF  
10 THIS SECTION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT THE FOLLOWING  
11 AMOUNTS TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT  
12 FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FUND:

13 (A) FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2024,  
14 ELEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS;

15 (B) FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2025,  
16 TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS;

17 (C) FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2026,  
18 THIRTEEN MILLION DOLLARS;

19 (D) FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2027,  
20 FOURTEEN MILLION DOLLARS; AND

21 (E) FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2028,  
22 FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS.

23 (III) IF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ARE SATISFIED, THE DEPARTMENT  
24 SHALL APPLY FOR A STATE CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES INCENTIVE GRANT  
25 AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

26 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-43.7-110,  
27 **amend** (2)(a)(VII) and (2)(a)(VIII); and **add** (2)(a)(IX) as follows:

1           **22-43.7-110. Financial assistance - grants - financed purchase**  
2 **of an asset agreements.** (2) Subject to the following requirements and  
3 limitations, the board may also instruct the state treasurer to enter into  
4 financed purchase of an asset or certificate of participation agreements on  
5 behalf of the state to provide financial assistance to applicants by  
6 financing public school facility capital construction projects for which the  
7 state board has recommended and the capital development committee has  
8 authorized the provision of financial assistance that involves a financed  
9 purchase of an asset or certificate of participation agreement pursuant to  
10 section 22-43.7-109 (7):

11           (a) Subject to the limitation specified in subsection (2)(b) of this  
12 section, the maximum total amount of annual payments payable by the  
13 state during any fiscal year under the terms of all outstanding financed  
14 purchase of an asset or certificate of participation agreements entered into  
15 by the state treasurer as instructed by the board pursuant to this subsection  
16 (2) is:

17           (VII) One hundred five million dollars for the 2019-20 fiscal year;  
18 **and**

19           (VIII) One hundred twenty-five million dollars for the 2020-21  
20 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter THROUGH THE 2023-24  
21 FISCAL YEAR; AND

22           (IX) ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE 2024-25  
23 FISCAL YEAR AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.

24           **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-43.7-111, **add**  
25 **(1)(f)** as follows:

26           **22-43.7-111. Reporting requirements - auditing by state**  
27 **auditor.** (1) Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), no later than



1 February 15, 2010, and no later than each February 15 thereafter, the  
2 board shall present a written report to the education and finance  
3 committees of the house of representatives and the senate and the capital  
4 development committee, or any successor committees, regarding the  
5 provision of financial assistance to applicants pursuant to this article 43.7.

6 The report must include, at a minimum:

7 (f) BEGINNING IN THE REPORT DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15,  
8 2026, AND CONTINUING ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
9 SECTION, IN ADDITION TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN  
10 SUBSECTIONS (1)(a) THROUGH (1)(e) OF THIS SECTION, THE REPORT MUST  
11 ALSO SEPARATELY SPECIFY ALL THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN  
12 SUBSECTIONS (1)(a) THROUGH (1)(e) OF THIS SECTION AS EACH RELATES  
13 TO CHARTER SCHOOLS, AS APPLICABLE.

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15 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 22-54-104.1.

16 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-104.2,  
17 **amend** (1); and **repeal** (2) as follows:

18 **22-54-104.2. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
19 hereby finds and declares that, for purposes of section 17 of article IX of  
20 the state constitution, ~~the expansion of the definition of "at-risk pupils",~~  
21 ~~as defined in section 22-54-103 (1.5)(a)(V), to include district pupils who~~  
22 ~~are English language learners, as defined in section 22-54-103~~  
23 ~~(1.5)(b)(IV);~~ the increase in the at-risk factor pursuant to section  
24 22-54-104 (5)(f)(II) for districts whose percentage of at-risk pupils is  
25 greater than the statewide average percentage of at-risk pupils and whose  
26 funded pupil count is greater than fifty thousand, the requirement that  
27 districts that receive at-risk funding spend a portion of their at-risk

1 funding on implementation of the district's English language proficiency  
2 program pursuant to section 22-54-105 (3)(b)(I) and the increase in the  
3 at-risk factor from 11.2% to 12% for the 2005-06 budget year and each  
4 budget year thereafter pursuant to section 22-54-104 ~~(2)(b)(H)(A)~~  
5 (2)(b)(II) and (5)(f) are important elements of accountable programs to  
6 meet state academic standards and may therefore receive funding from  
7 the state education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state  
8 constitution.

9 (2) ~~The general assembly further finds and declares that, for~~  
10 ~~purposes of section 17 of article IX of the state constitution, the~~  
11 ~~enactment of the definition of "at-risk funded pupil count", as defined in~~  
12 ~~section 22-54-103 (1), to allow up to three-year averaging of the number~~  
13 ~~of at-risk pupils, is an important element of accountable education reform~~  
14 ~~and may therefore receive funding from the state education fund created~~  
15 ~~in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state constitution.~~

16 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-104.3,  
17 **amend** (2.7)(a), (2.7)(d)(I) introductory portion, and (2)(d)(I)(A); and  
18 **repeal** (3) and (5) as follows:

19 **22-54-104.3. Total program for budget years - special**  
20 **provisions.** (2.7) (a) ~~For the 1997-98 budget year and budget years~~  
21 ~~thereafter,~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of section 22-54-104 (2) and  
22 ~~(6)~~ THIS ARTICLE 54, a district's total program for the applicable budget  
23 year ~~shall~~ **MUST** not exceed the district's total program for the prior budget  
24 year multiplied by ~~100%~~ **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT** plus the district's  
25 maximum annual percentage change in the applicable fiscal year  
26 spending.

27 (d) (I) ~~For the 1998-99 budget year and budget years thereafter,~~

1 If a district's total program is calculated pursuant to ~~paragraph (a) of this~~  
2 ~~subsection (2.7)~~ SUBSECTION (2.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION and the district is  
3 capable of receiving an increase in its total program within the limitations  
4 on its fiscal year spending for the applicable budget year under section 20  
5 of article X of the state constitution, the district may certify to the  
6 department that it may receive an additional increase in its total program  
7 for the applicable budget year in an amount equal to the lesser of:

8 (A) The difference between the district's total program for the  
9 applicable budget year calculated pursuant to ~~paragraph (a) of this~~  
10 ~~subsection (2.7)~~ SUBSECTION (2.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION and the district's  
11 total program for the applicable budget year ~~calculated~~ DETERMINED  
12 pursuant to ~~section 22-54-104 (2) or (6)~~ THIS ARTICLE 54; or

13 (3) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of section 22-54-104 (2), for~~  
14 ~~the 1994-95 budget year, if a district's 1994-95 total formula per pupil~~  
15 ~~funding is less than the district's 1993-94 total per pupil funding, the total~~  
16 ~~program for such district shall be calculated in accordance with the~~  
17 ~~following formula:~~

18 (a) ~~If the district's 1994-95 funded pupil count is equal to or less~~  
19 ~~than the district's 1993-94 funded pupil count, the formula shall be:~~

20 ~~District 1993-94 funded pupil count x District 1993-94 total per~~  
21 ~~pupil funding.~~

22 (b) ~~If the district's 1994-95 funded pupil count is greater than the~~  
23 ~~district's 1993-94 funded pupil count, the formula shall be:~~

24 ~~District 1993-94 total funding + ((District 1994-95 funded pupil~~  
25 ~~count - District 1993-94 funded pupil count) x District 1994-95~~  
26 ~~total formula per pupil funding).~~

27 (5) ~~For purposes of subsection (3) of this section and section~~

1 ~~22-54-104 (6):~~

2 ~~(a) to (d) Repealed.~~

3 ~~(e) A district's "prior year total per pupil funding" means the~~  
4 ~~amount which results from dividing the district's prior year total program~~  
5 ~~by the district's prior year funded pupil count.~~

6 ~~(f) A district's "total formula per pupil funding" means the total~~  
7 ~~program for a district for the applicable budget year, as calculated~~  
8 ~~pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2), divided by the district's funded pupil~~  
9 ~~count for the applicable budget year.~~

10 ~~(g) (Deleted by amendment, L. 95, p. 613, § 15, effective May 22,~~  
11 ~~1995.)~~

12 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-105, **amend**  
13 **(3)(a); and repeal (3)(b) as follows:**

14 **22-54-105. Instructional supplies and materials - capital**  
15 **reserve and insurance reserve - at-risk funding - preschool funding.**

16 (3) (a) For the 1997-98 budget year and budget years thereafter, Every  
17 district that receives at-risk funding pursuant to ~~the provisions of section~~  
18 ~~22-54-104~~ THIS ARTICLE 54 shall expend in total at least seventy-five  
19 percent of the district's at-risk funding on direct instruction or staff  
20 development, or both, for the educational program of at-risk pupils in the  
21 district.

22 (b) ~~(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this~~  
23 ~~subsection (3), for the 2001-02 budget year and budget years thereafter,~~  
24 ~~any district that receives at-risk funding pursuant to section 22-54-104~~  
25 ~~and qualifies for a higher at-risk factor as provided in section 22-54-104~~  
26 ~~(5)(f)(II) shall expend an amount calculated pursuant to subparagraph (II)~~  
27 ~~of this paragraph (b) on implementation of the district's English language~~

1 proficiency program as provided in article 24 of this title. It is the intent  
2 of the general assembly that each school district expend said amount on  
3 English language proficiency programs that are either taught in English  
4 or that are designed to move students as quickly as possible into programs  
5 taught in English. The district shall expend at least seventy-five percent  
6 of the remaining amount of at-risk funding received on direct instruction  
7 or staff development, or both, for the educational program of at-risk  
8 pupils in the district.

9 (H) ~~The amount of at-risk funding expended pursuant to~~  
10 ~~subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b) shall be equal to the difference~~  
11 ~~between the amount of at-risk funding generated by an increase in the~~  
12 ~~at-risk factor of 0.36 of a percentage point versus an increase of 0.34 of~~  
13 ~~a percentage point for each percentage point that the district percentage~~  
14 ~~of at-risk pupils exceeds the statewide average percentage of at-risk~~  
15 ~~pupils.~~

16 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-106, **amend**  
17 (2.1)(c)(I) and (2.1)(e)(II); and **repeal** (2) as follows:

18 **22-54-106. Local and state shares of district total program -**  
19 **legislative declaration - definition - repeal.** (2) (a) ~~Except as provided~~  
20 ~~in subsection (2)(c) of this section for reorganized districts, for the 2007~~  
21 ~~property tax year and property tax years thereafter through the 2019~~  
22 ~~property tax year, each district shall levy the lesser of:~~

23 (I) ~~The number of mills levied by the district for the immediately~~  
24 ~~preceding property tax year;~~

25 (H) (A) ~~Subject to the provisions of sub-subparagraph (B) of this~~  
26 ~~subparagraph (H), the number of mills that will generate property tax~~  
27 ~~revenue in an amount equal to the district's total program for the~~

1 applicable budget year minus the amount of specific ownership tax  
2 revenue paid to the district.

3 (B) Regardless of the applicability of section 22-54-104 (5)(g), for  
4 the purposes of this subparagraph (H), a district's total program shall be  
5 the amount calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2).

6 (H) For a district that has not obtained voter approval to retain  
7 and spend revenues in excess of the property tax revenue limitation  
8 imposed on the district by section 20 of article X of the state constitution,  
9 the number of mills that may be levied by the district under the property  
10 tax revenue limitation imposed on the district by section 20 of article X  
11 of the state constitution. In the calculation of local growth for purposes  
12 of determining the property tax revenue limitation imposed on a district  
13 under this subparagraph (H), a district's student enrollment shall be the  
14 district's funded pupil count.

15 (IV) Repealed.

16 (V) Twenty-seven mills.

17 (b) (I) (A) If a district's total program for the 1994-95 budget year  
18 was calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104.3, for the 1995 property tax  
19 year, the levy calculated pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2)  
20 shall be reduced by the number of mills required to generate the  
21 difference between the district's total program for the 1994-95 budget  
22 year, as calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104.3 (3), and the district's  
23 total program for the 1994-95 budget year, as calculated pursuant to  
24 section 22-54-104 (2). The amount by which property tax revenue is  
25 reduced pursuant to this paragraph (b) shall be counted toward the  
26 limitation on additional local revenues as provided in section 22-54-108  
27 (3).

1           ~~(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-subparagraph (A) of~~  
2 ~~this subparagraph (I), if the mill levy was calculated pursuant to~~  
3 ~~subparagraph (H) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2), the difference~~  
4 ~~between the district's total program for the 1994-95 budget year, as~~  
5 ~~calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104.3 (3), and the district's total~~  
6 ~~program for the 1994-95 budget year, as calculated pursuant to section~~  
7 ~~22-54-104 (2), shall be added to the total program as calculated pursuant~~  
8 ~~to section 22-54-104 (2) to calculate the levy pursuant to this~~  
9 ~~subparagraph (I):~~

10           ~~(H) If after calculating the mill levy pursuant to subparagraph (I)~~  
11 ~~of this paragraph (b) the district's levy exceeds 41.75 mills, the district~~  
12 ~~shall levy 41.75 mills:~~

13           ~~(H) For the 1995-96 budget year, if the amount of property tax~~  
14 ~~generated for the 1994-95 budget year by the number of mills by which~~  
15 ~~the mills levied by the district for the 1994-95 budget year exceeded~~  
16 ~~40.080 mills was equal to or exceeded the difference between the~~  
17 ~~district's total program for the 1994-95 budget year, as calculated~~  
18 ~~pursuant to section 22-54-104.3 (3), and the district's total program for the~~  
19 ~~1994-95 budget year, as calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2), the~~  
20 ~~district may levy the difference between the levy pursuant to~~  
21 ~~subparagraph (I) and subparagraph (H) of this paragraph (b). For the~~  
22 ~~1996-97 budget year and budget years thereafter, the district may continue~~  
23 ~~to impose a mill levy that will generate the amount of revenue produced~~  
24 ~~by the calculation described in this subparagraph (H) for the 1995-96~~  
25 ~~budget year. The amount of property tax generated pursuant to this~~  
26 ~~subparagraph (H) shall be counted toward the limitation on additional~~  
27 ~~local revenues as provided in section 22-54-108 (3)(f).~~

1           ~~(c)(I) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection (2),~~  
2 ~~if there is a reorganization pursuant to article 30 of this title, except for a~~  
3 ~~detachment and annexation, and if such reorganization involves districts~~  
4 ~~with differing mill levies, then in its first year of operation, the new~~  
5 ~~district shall levy a number of mills that is based on the total property~~  
6 ~~taxes collected in the preceding year from property included within the~~  
7 ~~new district divided by the total valuation for assessment in the preceding~~  
8 ~~year of property located within the new district but in no event more than~~  
9 ~~41.75 mills. This paragraph (c) shall not apply to any new district whose~~  
10 ~~levy would otherwise be calculated pursuant to subparagraph (H) of~~  
11 ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (2).~~

12           ~~(H) If there is a detachment and annexation pursuant to article 30~~  
13 ~~of this title and if such detachment and annexation involves districts with~~  
14 ~~differing mill levies, then in the first year after the detachment and~~  
15 ~~annexation, the annexing district shall calculate its levy pursuant to~~  
16 ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (2).~~

17           (2.1) (c) For the 2021 property tax year and each property tax year  
18 thereafter, except as otherwise provided in subsection (2.1)(e) of this  
19 section for reorganized districts, each district shall levy the lesser of:

20           (I) The number of mills that will generate property tax revenue in  
21 an amount equal to the district's total program for the applicable budget  
22 year minus the amount of specific ownership tax revenue paid to the  
23 district. ~~Regardless of the applicability of section 22-54-104 (5)(g), for~~  
24 ~~the purposes of this subsection (2.1)(c)(I), a district's total program is the~~  
25 ~~amount calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2).~~

26           (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection (2.1)  
27 to the contrary, for the 2020 property tax year and each property tax year



1 thereafter, if there is a reorganization pursuant to article 30 of this title 22  
2 that results in the creation of a new district, then in the first year of  
3 operation the new district shall levy the lesser of:

4 (II) The number of mills that will generate property tax revenue  
5 in an amount equal to the district's total program for the first year of  
6 operation minus the amount of specific ownership tax revenue paid to the  
7 district. ~~Regardless of the applicability of section 22-54-104 (5)(g), for~~  
8 ~~the purposes of this subsection (2.1)(c)(II), the district's total program is~~  
9 ~~the amount calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2).~~

10 **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-54-107.7** as  
11 follows:

12 **22-54-107.7. Override mill levy match - working group -**  
13 **creation - report - repeal.** (1) THERE IS CREATED BY THE LEGISLATIVE  
14 COUNCIL STAFF AN OVERRIDE MILL LEVY MATCH WORKING GROUP TO  
15 MEET DURING THE 2024 INTERIM AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
16 CONCERNING MODIFYING THE OVERRIDE MILL LEVY MATCH, CREATED  
17 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-107.9, TO ENSURE MORE EQUITABLE  
18 FUNDING DISTRIBUTIONS AND GREATER ACCESS TO FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE  
19 DISTRICTS AND ELIGIBLE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS, MAKE  
20 RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING WHICH ELIGIBLE DISTRICTS AND  
21 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION  
22 FROM THE MILL LEVY OVERRIDE MATCH FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION  
23 22-54-107.9 FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR, AND TO IDENTIFY AND  
24 ANALYZE INEQUITIES BETWEEN NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS THAT HAVE  
25 DIFFERING MILL LEVY OVERRIDES, LEVELS OF PROPERTY TAX BASES, OR  
26 DEMONSTRATED LEVELS OF LOCAL EFFORT.

27 (2) (a) THE OVERRIDE MILL LEVY MATCH WORKING GROUP MUST

1 INCLUDE:

2 (I) SEVEN NONLEGISLATIVE MEMBERS WHO ARE CHIEF FINANCIAL  
3 OFFICERS APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

4 (A) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL  
5 APPOINT ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF A RURAL  
6 DISTRICT, ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF A SMALL  
7 RURAL DISTRICT, ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF A  
8 SUBURBAN DISTRICT, AND ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CHIEF FINANCIAL  
9 OFFICER OF AN URBAN DISTRICT LOCATED IN OR NEAR THE DENVER  
10 METROPOLITAN AREA; AND

11 (B) THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER  
12 WHO IS THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF A RURAL DISTRICT, ONE MEMBER  
13 WHO IS THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF A SUBURBAN DISTRICT, AND ONE  
14 MEMBER WHO IS THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF AN URBAN DISTRICT  
15 THAT IS NOT LOCATED IN OR NEAR THE DENVER METROPOLITAN AREA.

16 (II) ONE MEMBER OF THE MAJORITY PARTY IN THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR; AND

19 (III) ONE MEMBER OF THE MINORITY PARTY IN THE SENATE,  
20 APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, WHO SHALL SERVE  
21 AS THE VICE-CHAIR.

22 (b) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF SHALL ASSIST THE OVERRIDE MILL  
23 LEVY MATCH WORKING GROUP IN FULFILLING ITS DUTIES REQUIRED  
24 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

25 (3) (a) THE OVERRIDE MILL LEVY MATCH WORKING GROUP SHALL  
26 NOT SUBMIT BILL DRAFTS AS PART OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

27 (b) MEETINGS OF THE OVERRIDE MILL LEVY MATCH WORKING

1 GROUP ARE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN  
2 PART 4 OF ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN  
3 PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24, OR OTHER APPLICABLE STATE OR  
4 FEDERAL LAW, RECORDS OF THE OVERRIDE MILL LEVY MATCH WORKING  
5 GROUP ARE SUBJECT TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24.

6 (4) THE OVERRIDE MILL LEVY MATCH WORKING GROUP MUST MEET  
7 AT LEAST THREE TIMES BUT NO MORE THAN FIVE TIMES DURING THE 2024  
8 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM, UNLESS ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ARE AUTHORIZED  
9 BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

10 (5) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, THE OVERRIDE MILL LEVY  
11 MATCH WORKING GROUP SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE  
12 COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES  
13 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR  
14 COMMITTEES, AND THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE CONCERNING ITS  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS TO MODIFY THE OVERRIDE MILL LEVY MATCH.

16 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

17 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-107.9,  
18 **amend** (3)(b)(II); **repeal** (1)(I); and **add** (3.5) as follows:

19 **22-54-107.9. Override mill levy match - calculation -**  
20 **distribution - fund created - definitions.** (1) As used in this section,  
21 unless the context otherwise requires:

22 (1) "~~Total program~~" means the amount of total program funding  
23 for a district calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2) before  
24 application of the budget stabilization factor.

25 (3) (b) If more than ten percent of a district's funded pupil count  
26 for the applicable budget year is attributable to the district's online pupil  
27 enrollment, the department shall calculate the district's adjusted total

1 program as follows:

2 (II) The department shall subtract from the district's total program  
3 for the applicable budget year an amount equal to the district's reduced  
4 online pupil enrollment, calculated pursuant to subsection (3)(b)(I) of this  
5 section, multiplied by the per pupil online funding amount for the  
6 applicable budget year as described in ~~section 22-54-104 (4.5)(c)(II)~~  
7 ~~before application of the budget stabilization factor~~ THIS ARTICLE 54.

8 (3.5) (a) FOR THE 2023-24 BUDGET YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT  
9 SHALL:

10 (I) CALCULATE FOR EACH DISTRICT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE  
11 DISTRICT'S ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PROPERTY TAX  
12 YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023 DIVIDED BY THE DISTRICT'S  
13 PUPIL ENROLLMENT DIVIDED BY TWO THOUSAND; AND

14 (II) DETERMINE THE MEDIAN AMOUNT OF ALL CALCULATIONS  
15 MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (b) FOR EACH DISTRICT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE IF:

17 (I) THE DISTRICT'S AMOUNT CALCULATED PURSUANT TO  
18 SUBSECTION (3.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION IS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT  
19 DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3.5)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION;

20 (II) THE NUMBER OF MILLS THE DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED BY ITS  
21 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS TO LEVY PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-108 IS  
22 GREATER THAN ZERO; AND

23 (III) THE DISTRICT HAS AN AMOUNT THAT IS GREATER THAN 0.9  
24 AFTER CALCULATING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MILLS THE DISTRICT IS  
25 AUTHORIZED TO LEVY PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-108 (3)(b)(V) MINUS  
26 THE NUMBER OF MILLS THE DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED BY ITS ELIGIBLE  
27 ELECTORS TO LEVY PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-108.

1           (c) FOR EACH DISTRICT THAT SATISFIES EVERY CONDITION  
2           DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3.5)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
3           DEPARTMENT SHALL CALCULATE FOR EACH DISTRICT AN AMOUNT EQUAL  
4           TO:

5           (MEDIAN AMOUNT DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
6           (3.5)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION - DISTRICT AMOUNT CALCULATED  
7           PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION) X  
8           DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT.

9           (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, FOR THE  
10          2023-24 BUDGET YEAR, EACH DISTRICT MUST RECEIVE THE GREATER OF  
11          THE AMOUNT DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3.5)(c) OF THIS  
12          SECTION OR THE AMOUNT DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF  
13          THIS SECTION.

14          (e) NO LATER THAN JUNE 10, 2024, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL  
15          TRANSFER NINE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX  
16          HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$9,135,698) FROM THE STATE  
17          EDUCATION FUND TO THE MILL LEVY OVERRIDE MATCH FUND.

18          **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-108, **amend**  
19          (1), (2), (3)(a), (3)(b)(I), (3)(b)(II), (3)(b)(III), (3)(b)(IV)(A),  
20          (3)(b)(IV)(B), and (5)(b); and **add** (3)(b)(VI) as follows:

21          **22-54-108. Authorization of additional local revenues -**  
22          **definitions.** (1) Effective July 1, 1994, a district which desires to raise  
23          and expend local property tax revenues in excess of the district's total  
24          program as determined in accordance with section 22-54-104 may submit  
25          the question of whether the district should be authorized to raise and  
26          expend additional local property tax revenues, subject to the limitations  
27          of subsection (3) of this section, thereby authorizing an additional levy in

1 excess of the levy authorized under section 22-54-106 for the district's  
2 general fund for the then current budget year and each budget year  
3 thereafter. The question authorized by this subsection (1) ~~shall~~ MUST be  
4 submitted at an election held in accordance with section 20 of article X  
5 of the state constitution and title 1. ~~C.R.S.~~

6 (2) Effective July 1, 1994, upon proper submittal to a district of  
7 a valid initiative petition, the district shall submit to the eligible electors  
8 of the district the question of whether the district should be authorized to  
9 raise and expend additional local property tax revenues in excess of the  
10 district's total program, ~~as determined in accordance with section~~  
11 ~~22-54-104~~, subject to the limitations of subsection (3) of this section,  
12 thereby authorizing an additional levy in excess of the levy authorized  
13 under section 22-54-106 for the district's general fund for the then current  
14 budget year and each budget year thereafter. The question authorized by  
15 this subsection (2) ~~shall~~ MUST be submitted at an election held in  
16 accordance with section 20 of article X of the state constitution and title  
17 1. ~~C.R.S.~~ An initiative petition under this subsection (2) ~~shall~~ MUST be  
18 signed by at least five percent of the eligible electors in the district at the  
19 time the petition is filed.

20 (3) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20 of article X  
21 of the state constitution which allow districts to seek voter approval for  
22 spending and revenue increases, ~~the provisions of this subsection (3) shall~~  
23 ~~limit~~ LIMITS a district's authority to raise and expend local property tax  
24 revenues in excess of the district's total program. ~~as determined in~~  
25 ~~accordance with section 22-54-104.~~

26 (b) (I) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3)(b)(II),  
27 (3)(b)(III), (3)(b)(IV), ~~and (3)(b)(V), AND (3)(b)(VI)~~ of this section, the

1 total additional local property tax revenues that may be received pursuant  
2 to elections held pursuant to this section must not exceed under any  
3 circumstances twenty percent of the district's total program as determined  
4 pursuant to ~~section 22-54-104 (2)~~ or two hundred thousand dollars,  
5 whichever is greater.

6 (II) (A) Effective July 1, 2002, ~~and subject to the provisions of~~  
7 ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (H)~~, the total additional local  
8 property tax revenues that may be received pursuant to elections held  
9 pursuant to this section ~~shall~~ MUST not exceed under any circumstances  
10 twenty percent of the district's total program as ~~determined pursuant to~~  
11 ~~section 22-54-104 (2)~~ or two hundred thousand dollars, whichever is  
12 greater, plus an amount equal to the maximum dollar amount of property  
13 tax revenue that the district could have generated for the 2001-02 budget  
14 year if, in accordance with the provisions of section 22-54-107.5, the  
15 district submitted a question to and received approval of the eligible  
16 electors of the district at an election held in November 2001.

17 (B) ~~Regardless of the applicability of section 22-54-104 (5)(g), for~~  
18 ~~the purposes of this subparagraph (H), a district's total program shall be~~  
19 ~~the amount calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2).~~

20 (III) (A) On and after May 21, 2009, ~~and subject to the provisions~~  
21 ~~of sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (H)~~, the total additional  
22 local property tax revenues that may be received pursuant to an election  
23 held pursuant to this section ~~shall~~ MUST not exceed under any  
24 circumstances twenty-five percent of the district's total program as  
25 ~~determined pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2)~~ or two hundred thousand  
26 dollars, whichever is greater, plus an amount equal to the maximum dollar  
27 amount of property tax revenue that the district could have generated for

1 the 2001-02 budget year if, in accordance with the provisions of section  
2 22-54-107.5, the district submitted a question to and received approval of  
3 the eligible electors of the district at an election held in November 2001.

4 (B) ~~Regardless of the applicability of section 22-54-104 (5)(g), for~~  
5 ~~purposes of this subparagraph (HH), a district's total program shall be the~~  
6 ~~amount calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2).~~

7 (IV) (A) On and after May 22, 2015, ~~and subject to the provisions~~  
8 ~~of sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (IV),~~ the total additional  
9 local property tax revenues that a small rural district may receive pursuant  
10 to an election held pursuant to this section ~~shall~~ MUST not exceed under  
11 any circumstances thirty percent of the small rural district's total program  
12 ~~as determined pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2)~~ or two hundred thousand  
13 dollars, whichever is greater, plus an amount equal to the maximum dollar  
14 amount of property tax revenue that the small rural district could have  
15 generated for the 2001-02 budget year if, in accordance with the  
16 provisions of section 22-54-107.5, the small rural district submitted a  
17 question to and received approval of the eligible electors of the district at  
18 an election held in November 2001.

19 (B) ~~Regardless of the applicability of section 22-54-104 (5)(g), for~~  
20 ~~purposes of this subparagraph (IV), a small rural district's total program~~  
21 ~~is the amount calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2).~~

22 (VI) (A) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, THE TOTAL ADDITIONAL  
23 LOCAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT A DISTRICT OR SMALL RURAL  
24 DISTRICT MAY RECEIVE PURSUANT TO AN ELECTION HELD PURSUANT TO  
25 THIS SECTION MUST NOT EXCEED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE: THE  
26 AMOUNT DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b)(V) OF THIS  
27 SECTION FOR THE 2023-24 BUDGET YEAR, OR THE AMOUNT DETERMINED



1 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b)(VI)(D) OF THIS SECTION, WHICHEVER IS  
2 GREATER.

3 (B) FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 EDUCATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL STAFF, SHALL  
5 CALCULATE FOR EACH DISTRICT THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO:

6 (DISTRICT'S PER PUPIL FUNDING DETERMINED PURSUANT TO  
7 SECTION 22-54-104 (3) - STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING) X  
8 DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR  
9 EXCLUDING THE DISTRICT'S ONLINE PUPIL ENROLLMENT AND THE  
10 DISTRICT'S EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT  
11 + (DISTRICT'S PER PUPIL FUNDING DETERMINED PURSUANT TO  
12 SECTION 22-54-104 (3) - STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING) X  
13 DISTRICT'S AT-RISK PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET  
14 YEAR X TWELVE PERCENT  
15 + (DISTRICT'S PER PUPIL FUNDING DETERMINED PURSUANT TO  
16 SECTION 22-54-104 (3) - STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING) X  
17 DISTRICT'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR  
18 THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR X EIGHT PERCENT.

19 (C) FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 EDUCATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF, SHALL  
21 CALCULATE FOR EACH DISTRICT THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE DISTRICT'S  
22 COST OF LIVING FACTOR PLUS THE DISTRICT'S SIZE FACTOR FOR THE  
23 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR CALCULATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-103.5  
24 MULTIPLIED BY THE STATEWIDE BASE PER PUPIL FUNDING FOR THE 2024-25  
25 BUDGET YEAR MULTIPLIED BY THE DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR  
26 THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR EXCLUDING THE DISTRICT'S ONLINE PUPIL  
27 ENROLLMENT AND THE DISTRICT'S EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL

1 ENROLLMENT.

2 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL COMPARE FOR EACH  
3 DISTRICT THE AMOUNTS CALCULATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS  
4 (3)(b)(VI)(B) AND (3)(b)(VI)(C) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE AMOUNT  
5 CALCULATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b)(VI)(C) OF THIS SECTION  
6 IS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT CALCULATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
7 (3)(b)(VI)(B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL  
8 DETERMINE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNTS  
9 CALCULATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (3)(b)(VI)(B) AND  
10 (3)(b)(VI)(C) OF THIS SECTION DIVIDE THAT DOLLAR AMOUNT DIFFERENCE  
11 BY THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR AND  
12 ADD THAT PERCENTAGE TO THE DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY OVERRIDE CAP FOR  
13 THE 2023-24 BUDGET YEAR.

14 (E) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL MAKE  
15 DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (3)(b)(VI)(B),  
16 (3)(b)(VI)(C), AND (3)(b)(VI)(D) OF THIS SECTION AFTER IT MAKES  
17 MID-YEAR REVISIONS TO REPLACE PROJECTIONS WITH ACTUAL FIGURES  
18 WHEN DETERMINING EACH DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-25  
19 BUDGET YEAR.

20 (F) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2030, A DISTRICT SHALL NOT SUBMIT A  
21 QUESTION TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THIS  
22 SUBSECTION (3)(b)(VI).

23 (5) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

24 (b) "Total program", on and after July 1, 2023, means a district's  
25 or small rural district's total program ~~calculated pursuant to section~~  
26 ~~22-54-104 (2), before application of the budget stabilization factor~~  
27 ~~pursuant to section 22-54-104 (5)(g) plus the amount the district or small~~

1 rural district receives for students enrolled through the Colorado universal  
2 preschool program pursuant to part 2 of article 4 of title 26.5.

3 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-108.5,  
4 **amend** (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(e) as follows:

5 **22-54-108.5. Authorization of additional local revenues for**  
6 **full-day kindergarten - definitions.** (1) (a) Notwithstanding any law to  
7 the contrary, effective July 1, 2007, any district that chooses to raise and  
8 expend local property tax revenues in excess of the district's total  
9 program, ~~as determined in accordance with section 22-54-104,~~ and in  
10 addition to any property tax revenues levied pursuant to sections  
11 22-54-107 and 22-54-108, may submit the question of whether the district  
12 should be authorized to raise and expend additional local property tax  
13 revenues, thereby authorizing an additional levy in excess of the levy  
14 authorized under sections 22-54-106, 22-54-107, and 22-54-108, to  
15 provide funding for excess full-day kindergarten program costs in the  
16 district for the then-current budget year and each budget year thereafter.  
17 The question authorized by this ~~paragraph (a)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a) may also  
18 include a question of whether to impose an additional mill levy of a stated  
19 amount and limited duration to meet the initial capital construction needs  
20 of the district associated with the establishment of a full-day kindergarten  
21 program. If a mill levy for capital construction needs associated with the  
22 district's full-day kindergarten program is approved for more than one  
23 year, the board of education of the district may, without calling an  
24 election, decrease the amount or duration of the mill levy in subsequent  
25 years. The questions authorized by this ~~paragraph (a)~~ shall SUBSECTION  
26 (1)(a) MUST be submitted at an election held in accordance with section  
27 20 of article X of the state constitution and title 1. ~~C.R.S.~~

1           (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, effective July 1,  
2 2007, upon proper submittal to a district of a valid initiative petition, the  
3 district shall submit to the eligible electors of the district the question of  
4 whether the district should be authorized to raise and expend additional  
5 local property tax revenues in excess of the district's total program, ~~as~~  
6 ~~determined in accordance with section 22-54-104~~ and in addition to any  
7 property tax revenues levied pursuant to sections 22-54-107 and  
8 22-54-108, thereby authorizing an additional levy in excess of the levy  
9 authorized under sections 22-54-106, 22-54-107, and 22-54-108, to  
10 provide funding for excess full-day kindergarten program costs in the  
11 district for the then-current budget year and each budget year thereafter.  
12 The question authorized by this ~~paragraph (b)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(b) may  
13 also include a question of whether to impose an additional mill levy of a  
14 stated amount and limited duration to meet the initial capital construction  
15 needs of the district associated with the establishment of a full-day  
16 kindergarten program. If a mill levy for capital construction needs  
17 associated with the district's full-day kindergarten program is approved  
18 for more than one year, the board of education of the district may, without  
19 calling an election, decrease the amount or duration of the mill levy in  
20 subsequent years. The questions authorized by this ~~paragraph (b)~~ shall  
21 SUBSECTION (1)(b) MUST be submitted at an election held in accordance  
22 with section 20 of article X of the state constitution and title 1. ~~C.R.S.~~ An  
23 initiative petition under this ~~paragraph (b)~~ shall SUBSECTION (1)(b) MUST  
24 be signed by at least five percent of the eligible electors in the district at  
25 the time the petition is filed.

26           (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20 of article X of  
27 the state constitution that allow districts to seek voter approval for

1 spending and revenue increases, the provisions of this subsection (1) shall  
2 limit a district's authority to raise and expend local property tax revenues  
3 in excess of the district's total program. ~~as determined in accordance with~~  
4 ~~section 22-54-104.~~

5 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-108.7,  
6 **amend** (1)(a) as follows:

7 **22-54-108.7. Authorization of additional local revenues for**  
8 **cash funding of capital construction, new technology, existing**  
9 **technology upgrade, and maintenance needs - definition.**

10 (1) (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any district that chooses  
11 to raise and expend local property tax revenue in excess of the district's  
12 total program, ~~as determined in accordance with section 22-54-104,~~ and  
13 in addition to any revenue generated by property tax levied pursuant to  
14 sections 22-54-106, 22-54-107, 22-54-107.5, 22-54-108, and  
15 22-54-108.5, may submit the question of whether the district should be  
16 authorized to raise and expend additional local property tax revenue,  
17 thereby authorizing an additional levy in excess of the levy authorized  
18 under sections 22-54-106, 22-54-107, and 22-54-108, to provide ongoing  
19 cash funding for the capital construction, new technology, existing  
20 technology upgrade, and maintenance needs of the district. A question  
21 authorized by this ~~paragraph (a)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a) must be submitted at  
22 an election held in accordance with section 20 of article X of the state  
23 constitution and title 1. ~~C.R.S.~~

24 **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-122, **amend**  
25 (2) as follows:

26 **22-54-122. Small attendance center aid.** (2) (a) A district  
27 meeting the eligibility requirements of subsection (1) of this section shall

1 be IS eligible to receive aid for each small attendance center as calculated  
2 by: Multiplying the pupil enrollment of the small attendance center by an  
3 amount equal to thirty-five percent of the difference between the district  
4 per pupil funding ~~as calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104~~, and the  
5 district per pupil funding, ~~as calculated pursuant to section 22-54-104~~  
6 except using the size factor calculated using the funded pupil count of the  
7 small attendance center; and then multiplying ~~such~~ THE amount by the  
8 percentage determined by dividing the difference between two hundred  
9 and the funded pupil count of the small attendance center by two hundred.

10 (b) An institute charter school meeting the eligibility requirements  
11 of subsection (1.5) of this section ~~shall be~~ IS eligible to receive aid as a  
12 small attendance center as calculated by: Multiplying the pupil enrollment  
13 of the institute charter school by an amount equal to thirty-five percent of  
14 the difference between the district per pupil funding of the institute  
15 charter school's accounting district ~~as calculated pursuant to section~~  
16 ~~22-54-104~~ and ~~such~~ THE district per pupil funding, ~~as calculated pursuant~~  
17 ~~to section 22-54-104~~, except using the size factor calculated using the  
18 pupil enrollment of the institute charter school, and then multiplying such  
19 amount by the percentage determined by dividing the difference between  
20 two hundred and the pupil enrollment of the institute charter school by  
21 two hundred.

22 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-129, **amend**  
23 (1)(g) as follows:

24 **22-54-129. Facility school funding - legislative declaration -**  
25 **definitions.** (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
26 requires:

27 (g) "Statewide base per pupil funding" means the amount annually

1 specified in ~~section 22-54-104 (5)(a)~~ THIS ARTICLE 54.

2 **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-115.5, **amend**  
3 (1)(a)(I) as follows:

4 **19-1-115.5. Placement of children out of home - legislative**  
5 **declaration.** (1) (a) (I) The general assembly hereby finds that the  
6 number of children in out-of-home placement has increased significantly.  
7 The general assembly further finds that the facility in which a child is  
8 placed out of home is often not located in the same school district as the  
9 child's school district of residence. Nevertheless, the general assembly  
10 finds that, ~~under the provisions of~~ PURSUANT TO the "Public School  
11 Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of title 22, ~~C.R.S.~~ children in foster  
12 home placement are considered residents of the school district in which  
13 the foster home is located. Accordingly, the school district in which the  
14 child is placed must accommodate the child and provide the child with the  
15 necessary educational services that serve the child's best interests while  
16 absorbing the costs associated with such services within the constraints  
17 of the school district's existing budget. The general assembly finds that in  
18 many circumstances it is not possible to meet the best interests of the  
19 child in out-of-home placement and the needs of other children enrolled  
20 in the school district within the confines of the district's budget.

21 **SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-122, **amend**  
22 (6)(b) as follows:

23 **22-1-122. Transportation token program - legislative**  
24 **declaration - eligibility - fund.** (6) (b) ~~So long as~~ IF an eligible student  
25 is enrolled before the pupil enrollment count day, the parent or legal  
26 guardian of an eligible student may choose to enroll the eligible student  
27 in and transport the eligible student to a public school in another school

1 district that has available space. ~~Such~~ THE school district shall enroll the  
2 eligible student and include the eligible student in the district's pupil  
3 enrollment for purposes of the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025".

4 **SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-117, **amend**  
5 (1)(b)(I) and (1)(d) as follows:

6 **22-2-117. Additional power - state board - waiver of**  
7 **requirements - rules.** (1) (b) The state board shall not waive any of the  
8 requirements specified in any of the following statutory provisions:

9 (I) The "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of  
10 this ~~title~~ TITLE 22;

11 (d) In addition to any requirements for a waiver application that  
12 are specified in this subsection (1), any application submitted by a school  
13 district that has a funded pupil count, as ~~defined in section 22-54-103 (7)~~  
14 DETERMINED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22, of three  
15 thousand or more pupils shall demonstrate that ~~such~~ THE application has  
16 the consent of a majority of the appropriate accountability committee, a  
17 majority of the affected licensed administrators, and a majority of the  
18 teachers of the affected school or district.

19 **SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30-105, **amend**  
20 (1) introductory portion and (1)(b) as follows:

21 **22-30-105. Activation of the school district organization**  
22 **planning process.** (1) The appointment of a school organization  
23 planning committee charged to study school district organization ~~shall~~  
24 MUST occur when the commissioner is notified that any of the following  
25 conditions exist:

26 (b) A petition committee, as defined in section 22-30-103 (10),  
27 presents a petition to the commissioner and to the county clerk and



1 recorder of each county in which the headquarters of a school district that  
2 will be affected by the actions of a planning committee are located  
3 requesting the appointment of a school organization planning committee.  
4 ~~Such~~ THE petition ~~shall~~ MUST contain a statement indicating the school  
5 districts ~~to be~~ involved. If only one school district is involved, the petition  
6 ~~shall~~ MUST be signed by fifteen percent of that school district's eligible  
7 electors. If multiple school districts are involved, the petition ~~shall~~ MUST  
8 be signed by fifteen percent of the eligible electors in each involved  
9 school district; except that, if the petition requests only consideration of  
10 detachment and annexation, the petition ~~shall~~ MUST be signed by  
11 twenty-five percent of the eligible electors residing in the area to be  
12 detached and annexed. If multiple school districts are involved, the  
13 petition does not request consideration of a detachment and annexation,  
14 and the pupil enrollment of a school district for purposes of the "Public  
15 School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025" is greater than thirty thousand pupils,  
16 the petition ~~shall~~ MUST be signed by five percent of the eligible electors  
17 in that school district. ~~Such petitions shall be~~ A PETITION IS deemed  
18 sufficient by the county clerk and recorder in the county of each involved  
19 school district. Only one ~~such~~ petition may be presented to the  
20 commissioner and the county clerk and recorder in the county of each  
21 involved school district in any three consecutive calendar years.

22 **SECTION 30.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30-114, **amend**  
23 (1)(k) as follows:

24 **22-30-114. Requirements for plan of organization.** (1) The  
25 plan of organization must include, but need not be limited to,  
26 consideration of the following:

27 (k) If the plan of organization results in the creation of a new

1 school district, a source of operating funds to be used by the new school  
2 district prior to receiving the state share of the total district program  
3 pursuant to the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of  
4 this ~~title~~ TITLE 22, on July 1 of the new school district's first budget year.

5 **SECTION 31.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 22-30-120.5  
6 as follows:

7 **22-30-120.5. Effective date for purposes of school finance.**

8 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 22-30-120, for purposes of  
9 determining funding ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO the "Public School Finance Act  
10 of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22, any plan of organization  
11 approved at a special school district organization election ~~shall~~ MUST take  
12 effect on the next July 1 following certification of the election results.

13 **SECTION 32.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30-129, **amend**  
14 (7) as follows:

15 **22-30-129. Dissolution and annexation - exemptions from the**  
16 **school district organization planning process.** (7) The dissolution and  
17 annexation of a school district is effective for all purposes on the date  
18 specified in the final plan of organization; except that, for purposes of  
19 determining funding pursuant to the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~  
20 2025", article 54 of this title 22, a final plan of organization approved by  
21 the affected local school boards pursuant to this section takes effect on  
22 the next July 1 following submission of the map and legal description of  
23 the annexing school districts to the commissioner pursuant to subsection  
24 (6) of this section. The annexing school districts continue as bodies  
25 corporate in the same manner as before approval of the organization plan.

26 **SECTION 33.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-103,  
27 **amend** (6.5) as follows:

1           **22-30.5-103. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, unless the  
2 context otherwise requires:

3           (6.5) "Private school" means a primary or secondary educational  
4 institution for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade or any  
5 portion thereof that may or may not have attained nonprofit status, that  
6 does not receive state funding through the "Public School Finance Act of  
7 ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22, and that is supported in whole  
8 or in part by tuition payments or private donations.

9           **SECTION 34.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-104,  
10 **amend** (6)(a) and (6)(c)(IV) as follows:

11           **22-30.5-104. Charter school - requirements - authority - rules**  
12 **- definitions.** (6) (a) Pursuant to contract, a charter school may operate  
13 free from specified school district policies and free from state rules ~~as~~  
14 ~~provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (6)~~ PURSUANT TO  
15 SUBSECTION (6)(b) OF THIS SECTION. Pursuant to contract, a local board  
16 of education may waive locally imposed school district requirements,  
17 without seeking approval of the state board; except that a charter school  
18 shall not, by contract or otherwise, operate free of the requirements  
19 contained in the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of  
20 this ~~title~~ TITLE 22, the requirements specified in part 4 of article 11 of this  
21 ~~title~~ TITLE 22 concerning school accountability committees, or the  
22 requirements contained in the "Children's Internet Protection Act", article  
23 87 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22.

24           (c) A school district, on behalf of a charter school, may apply to  
25 the state board for a waiver of a state statute or state rule that is not an  
26 automatic waiver. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection (6)  
27 to the contrary, the state board may not waive any statute or rule relating

1 to:

2 (IV) The "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of  
3 this title 22;

4 **SECTION 35.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-112,  
5 **amend** (1)(a)(II), (2)(a.5)(II), (2)(a.5)(II.5), and (2)(e)(II)(B) as follows:

6 **22-30.5-112. Charter schools - financing - guidelines -**  
7 **definitions.** (1) (a) (II) ~~On and after July 1, 2023,~~ For purposes of the  
8 "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of this title 22,  
9 pupils enrolled in a charter school are included in the pupil enrollment or  
10 the online pupil enrollment, whichever is applicable, of the school district  
11 that granted its charter. The school district that granted its charter shall  
12 report to the department the number of pupils included in the school  
13 district's pupil enrollment and the school district's online pupil enrollment  
14 that are actually enrolled in each charter school.

15 (2) (a.5) As used in this subsection (2):

16 (II) "District per pupil revenues" means the district's total program  
17 as defined in section 22-54-103 (6) for any budget year divided by the  
18 district's funded pupil count as ~~defined in section 22-54-103 (7) for said~~  
19 DETERMINED BY ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22 FOR THE APPLICABLE budget  
20 year.

21 (II.5) "District per pupil online funding" means a school district's  
22 online funding, as ~~specified in section 22-54-104 (4.5)~~ DETERMINED BY  
23 ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22, divided by the district's online pupil  
24 enrollment for any budget year.

25 (2) (e) (II) (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection  
26 (2)(e)(II)(A) of this section, ~~to the contrary~~ if the general assembly  
27 amends the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of this

1 title 22, to count a student enrolled in kindergarten only as a half-day  
2 pupil, with or without the addition of supplemental kindergarten  
3 enrollment as defined in section 22-54-103 (15) for purposes of  
4 calculating the funded pupil count as ~~defined in section 22-54-103 (7)~~  
5 DETERMINED BY ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22, a charter school may charge  
6 the student's parents tuition or a fee for the portion of the school day for  
7 which it does not receive funding for the student pursuant to the "Public  
8 School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025"; except that the amount of tuition or  
9 fee charged ~~shall~~ MUST not exceed the amount of tuition or fee that the  
10 charter school charged to attend a full-day kindergarten educational  
11 program for the 2018-19 budget year, adjusted for inflation and prorated  
12 by the percentage of the school day for which the student is no longer  
13 funded by the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025". As used in this  
14 subsection (2)(e)(II)(B), "inflation" means the annual percentage change  
15 in the United States department of labor bureau of labor statistics  
16 consumer price index for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood for all items paid by  
17 all urban consumers, or its applicable successor index.

18 **SECTION 36.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-112.1,  
19 **amend** (1)(b), (1)(g), (1)(i), and (1)(j.2) as follows:

20 **22-30.5-112.1. Charter schools - exclusive jurisdiction districts**  
21 **- authorized on or after July 1, 2004 - financing - definitions.** (1) As  
22 used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

23 (b) "At-risk funding" means the amount of funding determined in  
24 accordance with the ~~formulas described in section 22-54-104 (4)~~  
25 APPLICABLE AT-RISK FUNDING FORMULA PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS  
26 TITLE 22.

27 (g) "District funded pupil count" ~~shall have the same meaning as~~

1 ~~provided in section 22-54-103 (7)~~ MEANS THE FUNDED PUPIL COUNT  
2 DETERMINED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22.

3 (i) "District per pupil online funding" means a school district's  
4 online funding, ~~as specified in section 22-54-104 (4.5)~~ AS DETERMINED  
5 IN ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22, divided by the district's online pupil  
6 enrollment for any budget year.

7 (j.2) "English language learner funding" means the amount of  
8 funding determined in accordance with the ~~formula described in section~~  
9 ~~22-54-104 (4.3)~~ APPLICABLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER FUNDING  
10 FORMULA PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22.

11 **SECTION 37.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-507,  
12 **amend** (7)(b)(IV) as follows:

13 **22-30.5-507. Institute charter school - requirements -**  
14 **authority - rules - definitions.** (7) (b) An institute charter school may  
15 apply to the state board, through the institute, for a waiver of state statutes  
16 and state rules that are not automatic waivers. The state board may waive  
17 state statutory requirements or rules promulgated by the state board;  
18 except that the state board may not waive any statute or rule relating to:

19 (IV) The provisions of the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~  
20 2025", article 54 of this title 22;

21 **SECTION 38.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-513,  
22 **amend** (1)(c), (1)(d.2), (1)(e), (1)(g), (2)(e)(II), and (3)(b) as follows:

23 **22-30.5-513. Institute charter schools - funding - at-risk**  
24 **supplemental aid - legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) As used in  
25 this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

26 (c) "Accounting district's at-risk funding" means the amount of  
27 funding for at-risk pupils in the accounting district determined in

1 accordance with the ~~formulas~~ APPLICABLE AT-RISK FUNDING FORMULA  
2 described in ~~section 22-54-104 (4)~~ PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS  
3 TITLE 22.

4 (d.2) "Accounting district's English language learner funding"  
5 means the amount of funding for English language learner pupils in the  
6 accounting district determined in accordance with the APPLICABLE  
7 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER FUNDING formula described in ~~section~~  
8 ~~22-54-104 (4.3)~~ PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22.

9 (e) "Accounting district's funded pupil count" ~~shall have the same~~  
10 ~~meaning as the term "district funded pupil count" defined in section~~  
11 ~~22-54-103 (7)~~ MEANS THE FUNDED PUPIL COUNT DETERMINED PURSUANT  
12 TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22.

13 (g) "Accounting district's per pupil online funding" means THE  
14 online funding ~~as specified in section 22-54-104 (4.5)~~, FORMULA  
15 DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22 for any budget year  
16 divided by the online pupil enrollment.

17 (2) (e) (II) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2)(e)(I)  
18 of this section to the contrary, if the general assembly amends the "Public  
19 School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of this title 22, to count a  
20 student enrolled in kindergarten only as a half-day pupil, with or without  
21 the addition of supplemental kindergarten enrollment as defined in  
22 section 22-54-103 (15) for purposes of calculating the funded pupil count  
23 as ~~defined in section 22-54-103 (7)~~ DETERMINED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE  
24 54 OF THIS TITLE 22, an institute charter school may charge the student's  
25 parents tuition or a fee for the portion of the school day for which it does  
26 not receive funding for the student pursuant to the "Public School Finance  
27 Act of ~~1994~~ 2025"; except that the amount of tuition or fee charged shall

1 MUST not exceed the amount of tuition or fee that the institute charter  
2 school charged to attend a full-day kindergarten educational program for  
3 the 2018-19 budget year, adjusted for inflation and prorated by the  
4 percentage of the school day for which the student is no longer funded by  
5 the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025". As used in this subsection  
6 (2)(e)(II), "inflation" means the annual percentage change in the United  
7 States department of labor bureau of labor statistics consumer price index  
8 for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood for all items paid by all urban consumers,  
9 or its applicable successor index.

10 (3) (b) For purposes of the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~  
11 2025", article 54 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22, the department shall add the pupils  
12 enrolled in an institute charter school to the funded pupil count and the  
13 online pupil enrollment of the institute charter school's accounting  
14 district.

15 **SECTION 39.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-513.1,  
16 **amend** (2)(b) as follows:

17 **22-30.5-513.1. Mill levy equalization - fund created -**  
18 **legislative declaration - definitions.** (2) (b) The institute shall annually  
19 distribute the money appropriated or transferred to the fund to the  
20 institute charter schools on an equal per-pupil basis; except that, in any  
21 budget year, an institute charter school ~~shall~~ MUST not receive a per pupil  
22 amount that is greater than the total amount of additional mill levy  
23 revenue, as defined in section 22-32-108.5, that the accounting district for  
24 the institute charter school is authorized to collect, divided by the funded  
25 pupil count, as ~~defined in section 22-54-103~~ DETERMINED PURSUANT TO  
26 ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22, of the accounting district for the applicable  
27 budget year. The money distributed pursuant to this section is in addition



1 to money distributed to institute charter schools pursuant to section  
2 22-30.5-513. The institute has continuous spending authority over all  
3 interest and income in the fund.

4 **SECTION 40.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.7-107,  
5 **amend** (2) introductory portion and (2)(b) as follows:

6 **22-30.7-107. Funding.** (2) ~~For the 2008-09 budget year, and for~~  
7 ~~each budget year thereafter,~~ For purposes of determining total program  
8 funding pursuant to article 54 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22:

9 (b) (I) A school district that is providing a multi-district online  
10 school, or a school district in which a district charter school is providing  
11 a multi-district online school, shall include each student who is enrolled  
12 in the multi-district online school as of the pupil enrollment count day of  
13 the applicable budget year in the school district's online pupil enrollment  
14 for the applicable budget year and ~~shall~~ MUST receive online funding as  
15 specified in ~~section 22-54-104 (4.5)~~ ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22.

16 (II) An institute charter school that is providing a multi-district  
17 online school shall include each student who is enrolled in the  
18 multi-district online school as of the pupil enrollment count day of the  
19 applicable budget year in the institute charter school's online enrollment  
20 for the applicable budget year and ~~shall~~ MUST receive online funding as  
21 specified in ~~section 22-54-104 (4.5)~~ ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22.

22 **SECTION 41.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-108.5,  
23 **amend** (2)(g) as follows:

24 **22-32-108.5. Board of education - distribution of additional**  
25 **mill levy revenue - legislative declaration - definitions.** (2) As used in  
26 this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

27 (g) "Per pupil mill levy share" means an amount equal to the total

1 amount of additional mill levy revenue that a participating school district  
2 collects for a budget year divided by the school district's funded pupil  
3 count, as ~~defined in section 22-54-103~~ DETERMINED PURSUANT TO  
4 ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22, for that budget year.

5 **SECTION 42.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-119, **amend**  
6 (1)(b) as follows:

7 **22-32-119. Kindergartens - definition.** (1)(b) Notwithstanding  
8 the provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this section to the contrary, if the  
9 general assembly amends the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025",  
10 article 54 of this title 22, to count a student enrolled in kindergarten only  
11 as a half-day pupil, with or without the addition of supplemental  
12 kindergarten enrollment as defined in section 22-54-103 (15) for purposes  
13 of calculating the funded pupil count as ~~defined in section 22-54-103 (7)~~  
14 DETERMINED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22, a school district  
15 may charge the student's parents tuition or a fee for the portion of the  
16 school day for which it does not receive funding for the student pursuant  
17 to the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025"; except that the amount  
18 of tuition or fee charged ~~shall~~ MUST not exceed the amount of tuition or  
19 fee that the school district charged to attend a full-day kindergarten  
20 educational program for the 2018-19 budget year, adjusted for inflation  
21 and prorated by the percentage of the school day for which the student is  
22 no longer funded by the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025". As  
23 used in this subsection (1)(b), "inflation" means the annual percentage  
24 change in the United States department of labor bureau of labor statistics  
25 consumer price index for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood for all items paid by  
26 all urban consumers, or its applicable successor index.

27 **SECTION 43.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-141, **amend**

1 (4)(a) as follows:

2 **22-32-141. Student awaiting trial as adult - educational**  
3 **services - definitions.** (4) (a) In any budget year in which a school  
4 district is providing educational services to a juvenile pursuant to this  
5 section on the pupil enrollment count day of ~~said~~ THE budget year, the  
6 school district may include the juvenile in its pupil enrollment, as defined  
7 in section 22-54-103 (10), for purposes of determining the school  
8 district's total program funding under the "Public School Finance Act of  
9 ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22.

10 **SECTION 44.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32.5-108,  
11 **amend** (3)(a) as follows:

12 **22-32.5-108. District of innovation - waiver of statutory and**  
13 **regulatory requirements.** (3) Designation as a district of innovation  
14 ~~shall~~ MUST not affect a school district's:

15 (a) Total program funding calculated pursuant to the "Public  
16 School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22; or

17 **SECTION 45.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-33-104.5,  
18 **amend** (6)(a) as follows:

19 **22-33-104.5. Home-based education - guidelines - legislative**  
20 **declaration - definitions.** (6) (a) If a child is participating in a nonpublic  
21 home-based educational program but also attending a public school for  
22 a portion of the school day, the school district of the public school ~~shall~~  
23 ~~be entitled to~~ MAY count ~~such~~ THE child in accordance with the provisions  
24 of section 22-54-103 (10) for purposes of determining pupil enrollment  
25 ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025",  
26 article 54 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22.

27 **SECTION 46.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-105, **amend**

1 (2) introductory portion and (2)(a) as follows:

2 **22-35-105. Financial provisions - payment of tuition.** (2) If a  
3 qualified student concurrently enrolls in a course offered by an institution  
4 of higher education, the institution ~~shall be~~ IS responsible for course  
5 content, placement of the student in the course, and the quality of  
6 instruction. In addition, because the qualified student is receiving  
7 academic credit at ~~his or her~~ THE QUALIFIED STUDENT'S local education  
8 provider for the course pursuant to section 22-35-104 (5):

9 (a) The qualified student ~~shall be~~ IS included in the funded pupil  
10 count of ~~his or her~~ THE STUDENT'S school district or, in the case of a  
11 student enrolled in an institute charter school, of the school's accounting  
12 district, as determined pursuant to ~~the provisions of section 22-54-103 (7)~~  
13 ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22; and

14 **SECTION 47.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-108, **amend**  
15 (3) as follows:

16 **22-35-108. Accelerating students through concurrent**  
17 **enrollment program - objectives - non-tuition expenses - rules.** (3) A  
18 local education provider may include each qualified student whom the  
19 local education provider designates to participate in the ASCENT  
20 program pursuant to this section in the district's funded pupil count, or,  
21 in the case of a qualified student enrolled in an institute charter school, in  
22 the funded pupil count of the school's accounting district, as ~~provided in~~  
23 ~~section 22-54-103 (7)~~ DETERMINED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS  
24 TITLE 22.

25 **SECTION 48.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-108.5,  
26 **amend** (3)(a) and (3)(b) as follows:

27 **22-35-108.5. Teacher recruitment education and preparation**

1 **(TREP) program - objectives - selection criteria - rules.** (3) (a) The  
2 local education provider that enrolls a qualified student who is designated  
3 by the department as a TREP program participant may include the student  
4 in the school district's funded pupil count, or, in the case of a student  
5 enrolled in an institute charter school, in the funded pupil count of the  
6 institute charter school's accounting district as ~~provided in section~~  
7 ~~22-54-103 (7)~~ DETERMINED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22.

8 (b) A local education provider that receives extended high school  
9 funding, as described in ~~section 22-54-104 (4.7)~~ ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE  
10 22, in a budget year for program participants may expend the funding on  
11 behalf of TREP program participants who enroll in an institution of  
12 higher education during that budget year and on behalf of the TREP  
13 program participants who, by May 1 of that budget year, are admitted to  
14 an institution of higher education to participate in the TREP program  
15 during the next budget year.

16 **SECTION 49.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-111, **amend**  
17 (2) as follows:

18 **22-35-111. Rules.** (2) ~~By July 1, 2020,~~ The state board shall  
19 adopt rules to specify the number of postsecondary credits in which a  
20 qualified student must be concurrently enrolled to qualify for full-time  
21 membership for purposes of the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~  
22 2025", article 54 of this title 22.

23 **SECTION 50.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35.3-102,  
24 **amend** (8) as follows:

25 **22-35.3-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 35.3, unless the  
26 context otherwise requires:

27 (8) "Funded pupil count" ~~has the same meaning as provided in~~

1 ~~section 22-54-103 (7)~~ MEANS THE FUNDED PUPIL COUNT AS DETERMINED  
2 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22.

3 **SECTION 51.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35.3-104,  
4 **amend** (1)(a) as follows:

5 **22-35.3-104. P-tech schools - funding.** (1) (a) To calculate  
6 district total program pursuant to ~~section 22-54-104~~ ARTICLE 54 OF THIS  
7 TITLE 22, a school district that is approved to operate a p-tech school  
8 pursuant to section 22-35.3-103, including a p-tech school that is a district  
9 charter school, may include the students who are enrolled in grades nine  
10 through twelve in the p-tech school in the school district's pupil  
11 enrollment, as defined in section 22-54-103 (10), and may include the  
12 students who are enrolled in grades thirteen and fourteen in the p-tech  
13 school in the school district's district extended high school pupil  
14 enrollment.

15 **SECTION 52.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35.6-103,  
16 **amend** (1) as follows:

17 **22-35.6-103. High school innovative learning pilot program -**  
18 **created - rules.** (1) There is created in the department the high school  
19 innovative learning pilot program to authorize full-time funding for  
20 students enrolled in grades nine through twelve in high schools operated  
21 by selected local education providers to enable the local education  
22 providers to provide innovative learning opportunities for high school  
23 students to support them in successful transitions from high school to  
24 postsecondary education or the workforce. The department shall  
25 administer the pilot program by reviewing applications and selecting the  
26 local education providers that propose an innovative learning plan that  
27 meets the requirements specified in section 22-35.6-104 and is designed

1 to ensure that students enrolled in grades nine through twelve may  
2 participate in innovative learning opportunities before graduation. A local  
3 education provider that is selected to participate in the pilot program is  
4 authorized to count students who are enrolled in grades nine through  
5 twelve and are participating in innovative learning opportunities as  
6 full-time pupils for purposes of the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~  
7 2025", article 54 of this title 22, regardless of the actual number of  
8 teacher-pupil instruction hours and teacher-pupil contact hours for each  
9 pupil.

10 **SECTION 53.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-40-102, **amend**  
11 (1.7)(a) and (6)(a) as follows:

12 **22-40-102. Certification - tax revenues - repeal.** (1.7) (a) The  
13 board of education of any school district, at the regular biennial election  
14 for school district directors or on the dates authorized by section  
15 22-54-108 for elections for additional local property tax revenues under  
16 the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025" shall submit to the eligible  
17 electors of the district the question of whether to impose a mill levy for  
18 the payment of excess transportation costs. If a majority of the votes cast  
19 at ~~any such~~ THE election are in favor of the question, an additional mill  
20 levy ~~shall be~~ IS levied each year, and revenues received ~~therefrom shall~~  
21 MUST be deposited into the transportation fund of the district created in  
22 section 22-45-103 (1)(f).

23 (6) (a) Each school district, with ~~such~~ assistance as may be  
24 required from the department of education, shall inform the county  
25 treasurer for each county within the district's boundaries no later than  
26 December 15 of each year of ~~said~~ THE district's general fund mill levy in  
27 the absence of funds estimated to be received by ~~said~~ THE district

1 pursuant to the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of  
2 this title 22, and the estimated funds to be received for the general fund  
3 of the district from the state.

4 **SECTION 54.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-43.7-201,  
5 **amend** (4)(a)(II)(A) as follows:

6 **22-43.7-201. Full-day kindergarten facility capital**  
7 **construction fund - creation - grants - definitions.** (4) (a) As used in  
8 this subsection (4), unless the context otherwise requires:

9 (II) "Equitable adjustment factor" means, with respect to both an  
10 applicant and a potential applicant that does not actually apply for a grant  
11 as authorized by this subsection (4), the sum of the applicant's:

12 (A) Size factor, as determined pursuant to ~~section 22-54-104~~  
13 ~~(5)(b)(1.5)~~ ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22;

14 **SECTION 55.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 22-52-107  
15 as follows:

16 **22-52-107. Funding of second chance program.** ~~It is the intent~~  
17 ~~of the general assembly that, after the initial appropriation made to the~~  
18 ~~department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985, The~~  
19 responsibilities and duties specified in this article ~~shall~~ **MUST** be  
20 performed by the department of education and the participating school  
21 districts through the funding available pursuant to the "Public School  
22 Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22.

23 **SECTION 56.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-55-102, **amend**  
24 (14) and (18) as follows:

25 **22-55-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 55, unless the  
26 context otherwise requires:

27 (14) "Statewide base per pupil funding" means the amount



1 specified for each budget year in ~~section 22-54-104 (5)(a)~~ ARTICLE 54 OF  
2 THIS TITLE 22.

3 (18) "Total program" or "total program education funding" means  
4 a district's total program as determined pursuant to ~~section 22-54-104 (1)~~  
5 ARTICLE 54 OF THIS TITLE 22.

6 **SECTION 57.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-55-104, **amend**  
7 (3) introductory portion as follows:

8 **22-55-104. Procedures relating to state education fund**  
9 **revenue estimates - legislative declaration.** (3) ~~By February 1, 2002,~~  
10 ~~and by each February 1 thereafter,~~ ON OR BEFORE EACH FEBRUARY 1, the  
11 ~~staff of the~~ legislative council STAFF OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, in  
12 consultation with the state auditor, the office of state planning and  
13 budgeting, the state treasurer, the department of education, and the joint  
14 budget committee, shall cause to be conducted a review of the model used  
15 to forecast revenues in and expenditures from the fund and the spending  
16 requirements of the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54  
17 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22. Copies of the review ~~shall~~ MUST promptly be  
18 transmitted to the joint budget committee, and the office of state planning  
19 and budgeting, and the education committees of the senate and the house  
20 of representatives. The review ~~shall~~ MUST include, but need not be limited  
21 to, the following:

22 **SECTION 58.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-55-106, **amend**  
23 (2) as follows:

24 **22-55-106. Statewide base per pupil funding - increases.**  
25 (2) The general assembly may annually appropriate ~~moneys~~ MONEY in  
26 the state education fund, the general fund, any other state fund, or some  
27 combination thereof, as necessary in the sole discretion of the general

1 assembly, to satisfy the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, and  
2 ~~such moneys shall~~ THE MONEY MUST be distributed to public school  
3 districts and the state charter school institute in accordance with the  
4 provisions of the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of  
5 this ~~title~~ TITLE 22.

6 **SECTION 59.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-77-104.5,  
7 **amend** (3)(a)(I) as follows:

8 **24-77-104.5. General fund exempt account - referendum C**  
9 **money - specification of uses for health care and education -**  
10 **definitions.** (3) (a) Funding for preschool through twelfth grade  
11 education, as used in ~~subparagraph (II) of paragraph (b) of subsection (1)~~  
12 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) of this section, ~~shall be~~ IS limited to funding for:

13 (I) Per-pupil funding for preschool through twelfth grade  
14 education through the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article  
15 54 of title 22, ~~C.R.S.~~ or any successor act;

16 **SECTION 60.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-10-206,  
17 **amend as it will become effective July 1, 2024,** (7)(b) as follows:

18 **25.5-10-206. Authorized long-term services and supports -**  
19 **conditions of funding - purchase of services and supports - adult**  
20 **protective services data system check - boards of county**  
21 **commissioners - appropriation.** (7) (b) Each school district shall pay  
22 to the case management agency purchasing programs attended by a  
23 student with an intellectual and developmental disability, who is  
24 domiciled in the school district and may be counted in the district's pupil  
25 enrollment, an amount at least equal to the district's per pupil revenues as  
26 determined pursuant to the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025",  
27 article 54 of title 22. This subsection (7) applies to students who are less

1 than twenty-two years of age.

2 **SECTION 61.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-4-202, **amend**  
3 (2)(a)(I) as follows:

4 **26.5-4-202. Legislative declaration.** (2) (a) The general  
5 assembly further finds and declares that:

6 (I) In 2000, the voters approved section 17 of article IX of the  
7 state constitution, which requires the general assembly to annually  
8 increase, by at least the rate of inflation, the statewide base per pupil  
9 funding, as defined by the "~~Public School Finance Act of 1994~~", article  
10 54 of title 22, for public education from preschool through twelfth grade;

11 **SECTION 62.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-4-208, **amend**  
12 (6)(b) as follows:

13 **26.5-4-208. Preschool provider funding - per-child rates - local**  
14 **contribution - distribution and use of money - definitions - repeal.**

15 (6) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

16 (b) "~~Funded pupil count~~" ~~has the same meaning as provided in~~  
17 ~~section 22-54-103~~ MEANS THE FUNDED PUPIL COUNT AS DETERMINED  
18 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF TITLE 22.

19 **SECTION 63.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 34-63-102, **amend**  
20 (5.4) introductory portion and (5.4)(e)(III) as follows:

21 **34-63-102. Creation of mineral leasing fund - distribution -**  
22 **advisory committee - local government permanent fund created -**  
23 **transfer of money - definitions.** (5.4) Except as otherwise provided in  
24 subsection (5.5) of this section, on and after July 1, 2008, all ~~moneys~~  
25 MONEY other than bonus payments, as defined in ~~paragraph (b) of~~  
26 ~~subsection (5.3)~~ SUBSECTION (5.3)(b) of this section, credited to the  
27 mineral leasing fund created in ~~subparagraph (H) of paragraph (a) of~~

1 ~~subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) of this section ~~shall~~ MUST be  
2 distributed on a quarterly basis for quarters beginning on July 1, October  
3 1, January 1, and April 1 of each state fiscal year as follows:

4 (e) (III) The executive director of the department of local affairs  
5 shall make the distributions required by ~~subparagraphs (I) and (II) of this~~  
6 ~~paragraph (c)~~ SUBSECTIONS (5)(e)(I) AND (5)(e)(II) OF THIS SECTION at the  
7 same time as the executive director makes distributions to counties  
8 pursuant to ~~paragraph (c) of this subsection (5.4)~~ SUBSECTION (5.4)(c) OF  
9 THIS SECTION, and the total amount of the distributions made to all school  
10 districts within a single county ~~shall~~ MUST be in proportion to the amount  
11 of the ~~moneys~~ MONEY distributed directly to the county pursuant to ~~said~~  
12 ~~paragraph (c)~~ SUBSECTION (5.4)(c) OF THIS SECTION. Where more than one  
13 school district exists within a county, the distribution to each school  
14 district ~~shall~~ MUST be the percentage that the most recent funded pupil  
15 count, as determined pursuant to the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~  
16 2025", article 54 of title 22, ~~C.R.S.~~ for pupils enrolled in the county  
17 attributable to that school district bears to the most recent total funded  
18 pupil count for all pupils attributable to the county.

19 **SECTION 64.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-5-132, **amend**  
20 (5) as follows:

21 **39-5-132. Assessment and taxation of new construction.**  
22 (5) ~~Moneys~~ MONEY received by a school district pursuant to this section  
23 ~~shall~~ MUST be deposited in the district's capital reserve fund and ~~shall~~  
24 MUST not be included in calculating the amount of revenue ~~which~~ THAT  
25 a district is entitled to receive from the property tax levy for the general  
26 fund of the district under the "Public School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025",  
27 article 54 of title 22. ~~C.R.S.~~

1           **SECTION 65.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-10-103, **amend**  
2 (2) as follows:

3           **39-10-103. Tax statement - repeal.** (2) Each tax notice ~~shall~~  
4 MUST contain information regarding the actual school district general  
5 fund mill levy and the school district general fund mill levy in absence of  
6 funds estimated to be received by school districts pursuant to the "Public  
7 School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of title 22, and the  
8 estimated funds to be received for the general funds of districts from the  
9 state.

10           **SECTION 66.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-10-114, **amend**  
11 (1)(a)(I)(B) as follows:

12           **39-10-114. Abatement - cancellation of taxes.**  
13 (1) (a) (I) (B) The assessor shall certify the proportional amount of the  
14 total amount of abatements and refunds granted pursuant to the provisions  
15 of this section to the appropriate taxing entities at the same time ~~that~~ AS  
16 the certification of valuation for assessment ~~is made~~ pursuant to ~~the~~  
17 ~~provisions of~~ section 39-5-128. Any taxing entity may adjust the amount  
18 of its tax levy authorized pursuant to the provisions of section 29-1-301  
19 ~~C.R.S.~~ by an additional amount ~~which~~ THAT does not exceed the  
20 proportional share of the total amount of abatements and refunds made  
21 pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this section. After calculating the amount of  
22 property tax revenues necessary to satisfy the requirements of the "Public  
23 School Finance Act of ~~1994~~ 2025", article 54 of title 22, ~~C.R.S.~~ any  
24 school district shall add an amount equal to the proportional share of the  
25 total amount of abatements and refunds granted pursuant to the provisions  
26 of this section prior to the setting of the mill levy for such school district.  
27 Any additional amount added pursuant to the provisions of this subsection

1 (1) ~~shall~~ MUST not be included in the total amount of revenue levied in  
2 ~~said~~ THE year for the purposes of computing the limit for the succeeding  
3 year pursuant to the provisions of section 29-1-301. ~~C.R.S. Where~~ WHEN  
4 a final determination is made granting an abatement or refund pursuant  
5 to the provisions of this section, the abatement or refund granted ~~shall~~  
6 MUST be payable at such time as determined by the board of county  
7 commissioners after consultation with affected taxing entities but no later  
8 than upon the payment of property taxes for the property tax year in  
9 which ~~said~~ THE final determination was made. For the purposes of this  
10 ~~sub-subparagraph (B)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I)(B), a taxing entity's  
11 proportional share of the total amount of abatements and refunds granted  
12 ~~shall~~ MUST be based upon the amount of tax levied by a taxing entity on  
13 ~~such~~ THE real property in proportion to the total amount of tax levied on  
14 ~~such~~ THE real property by such taxing entities.

15 **SECTION 67.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-4-502, **amend**  
16 (2) as follows:

17 **43-4-502. Legislative declaration.** (2) It is further the intent of  
18 the general assembly that no provision of this part 5 ~~shall affect~~ AFFECTS  
19 the FORMER "Public School Finance Act of 1973", article 50 of title 22,  
20 ~~C.R.S.~~ the FORMER "Public School Finance Act of 1988", article 53 of  
21 title 22, ~~C.R.S.~~ the FORMER "Public School Finance Act of 1994", article  
22 54 of title 22, ~~C.R.S.~~ THE "PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE ACT OF 2025,  
23 ARTICLE 54 OF TITLE 22, or any additional school financing mechanisms  
24 adopted by the general assembly.

25 **SECTION 68. Appropriation.** For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,  
26 \$184,433 is appropriated to the department of education. This  
27 appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that

1 the division will require an additional 1.8 FTE. To implement this act, the  
2 department may use this appropriation for administration related to public  
3 school finance.

4 **SECTION 69. Appropriation.** For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,  
5 \$11,500,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This  
6 appropriation is from the charter school facilities assistance account, an  
7 account within the public school capital construction assistance fund,  
8 created in section 22-43.7-104 (2)(d), C.R.S. To implement this act, the  
9 department may use this appropriation for state aid for charter school  
10 facilities.

11 **SECTION 70. Appropriation - adjustments to 2024 long bill.**

12 (1) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general  
13 appropriation act for the 2024-25 state fiscal year to the department of  
14 education are adjusted as follows:

15 (a) The cash funds appropriation from the state public school fund  
16 created in section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S., estimated to be from interest and  
17 income earned on the investment of money in the public school fund that  
18 is credited to the state public school fund pursuant to section 22-41-102  
19 (3)(h), C.R.S., for the state share of districts' total program funding is  
20 decreased by \$5,000,000; and

21 (b) The cash funds appropriation from the state public school fund  
22 created in section 22-54-114 (1) C.R.S., from interest and income earned  
23 on the investment of money in the public school fund that is credited to  
24 the state public school fund pursuant to section 22-41-102 (3)(h), C.R.S.,  
25 for at-risk per pupil additional funding is decreased by \$5,000,000.

26 (2) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$10,000,000 is appropriated  
27 to the department of education. This appropriation is from the state

1 education fund created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state  
2 constitution. To implement this act, the department may use this  
3 appropriation as follows:

4 (a) \$5,000,000 for the state share of districts' total program  
5 funding; and

6 (b) \$5,000,000 for at-risk per pupil additional funding.

7 **SECTION 71. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal  
8 year, \$32,875 is appropriated to the legislative department. This  
9 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
10 department may use this appropriation as follows:

11 (a) \$2,359 for use by the general assembly;

12 (b) \$22,047 for use by the legislative council, which amount is  
13 based on an assumption that the legislative council will require an  
14 additional 0.3 FTE; and

15 (c) \$8,469 for the committee on legal services, which amount is  
16 based on an assumption that the committee will require an additional 0.1  
17 FTE.

18 **SECTION 72. Appropriation.** For the 2023-24 state fiscal year,  
19 \$11,374,594 is appropriated to the department of education. This  
20 appropriation is from the mill levy override match fund created in section  
21 22-54-107.9 (6)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use  
22 this appropriation for mill levy override matching pursuant to section  
23 22-54-107.9, C.R.S.

24 **SECTION 73. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for



- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.