

CHAPTER 57

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 19-1137

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also SENATOR(S) Priola, Pettersen, Bridges, Coram, Court, Fields, Foote, Ginal, Hisey, Moreno, Rankin, Story, Tate, Todd, Williams A., Garcia.

AN ACT**CONCERNING SUPPORTING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' INTEREST IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION THROUGH THE TEACHER CADET PROGRAM.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-76-105 as follows:

23-76-105. Teacher cadet program. On or before July 1, 2017, the department of higher education shall establish teacher cadet programs in identified rural schools and school districts. Money may be provided to local school districts, charter schools, or the charter school institute, any of which may contract with a board of cooperative services, to identify and support high school students who are interested in pursuing teaching careers in rural Colorado, ~~and~~ INCLUDING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. TEACHER CADET PROGRAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY students, including students with disabilities, who reflect the geographic, racial, and ethnic diversity of the state. The department of higher education and the department of education shall evaluate the effectiveness of the teacher cadet program every five years.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020

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and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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