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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES RELATED TO PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL**
102 **TRAINING FOR EDUCATORS.**

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 makes changes to the assistance programs that are designed to increase the number of educators within the state, especially in rural school districts, by:

- ! Expanding the educator loan forgiveness program by making it available to individuals who graduate from any preparation program that leads to educator licensure and

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removing the limitation of no more than 100 new participants per year;

! Clarifying that a stipend provided to teacher candidates in rural areas does not constitute student financial assistance; and

! Clarifying that a teaching fellow may choose to have a teaching fellowship program stipend awarded as student financial assistance or wages for employment.

The bill amends the program requirements that the department of higher education and the Colorado commission on higher education (commission) must review when approving educator preparation programs (programs). Under existing law, following a review, the commission may approve a program, place the program on probation status, or terminate the program. The bill adds the option of granting the program conditional approval and directs the commission to adopt policies regarding how long a program may remain on conditional approval or probation and how a program is moved from one approval level to another. A program that receives conditional approval may continue accepting new students, but a program on probationary status cannot accept new students.

Under existing law, the state board of education (state board) reviews the content of educator preparation programs to ensure the content prepares teachers to meet the teacher quality standards and qualify for licensure. The bill clarifies that the state board, based on the content review, may recommend that an educator preparation program be placed on conditional approval or probation and that the commission must work with the state board in determining the status of educator preparation programs.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-101, **amend**
3 (3.7) as follows:

4 **23-3.9-101. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (3.7) "Qualified loan" means an educational loan incurred while
7 completing ~~an approved educator preparation program, as defined in~~
8 ~~section 23-1-121~~ A PROGRAM OF PREPARATION, INCLUDING AN
9 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE

1 60.5 OF TITLE 22, THAT LEADS TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE PURSUANT TO
2 ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22, or a bachelor's or master's degree in the area in
3 which the educator is employed in a qualified position. The commission
4 shall determine if a loan is a qualified loan for purposes of the educator
5 loan forgiveness program created in section 23-3.9-102.

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-102, **amend**
7 (1)(c) introductory portion, (2) introductory portion, and (2)(a); and
8 **repeal** (2)(c) as follows:

9 **23-3.9-102. Educator loan forgiveness program -**
10 **administration - fund - eligibility.** (1) (c) Subject to available
11 appropriations, the commission shall annually approve applications for ~~up~~
12 ~~to one hundred new participants in~~ the educator loan forgiveness
13 program. If more ~~applicants~~ NEW PARTICIPANTS apply than ~~the number of~~
14 ~~new participants authorized for the applicable year~~ CAN BE APPROVED
15 BASED ON THE MONEY AVAILABLE IN THE EDUCATOR LOAN FORGIVENESS
16 FUND, the commission shall:

17 (2) In addition to any qualifications specified by the commission,
18 to qualify for the educator loan forgiveness program, an educator ~~shall~~
19 MUST:

20 (a) Graduate from ~~an approved educator preparation program, as~~
21 ~~defined in section 23-1-121, or, if the applicant is a special services~~
22 ~~provider, satisfy the special services provider preparation requirements~~
23 ~~for licensure~~ A PROGRAM OF PREPARATION THAT LEADS TO EDUCATOR
24 LICENSURE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22;

25 (c) ~~(f) Demonstrate professional competencies consistent with~~
26 ~~state board of education rules in the subject matter in which the educator~~
27 ~~obtains a qualified position; or~~

1 ~~(H) Be fully qualified under a training program approved by a~~
2 ~~federal court or agency or the state department of education;~~

3 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-76-104 as
4 follows:

5 **23-76-104. Student teachers in rural areas - financial**
6 **incentives.** (1) Subject to available appropriations, the department of
7 higher education shall provide financial stipends annually, not to exceed
8 four thousand dollars per student, to offset tuition costs for individuals in
9 approved educator preparation programs who agree to student teach in a
10 rural school or rural school district of the student teacher's choice. The
11 financial stipends awarded should, to the extent practicable, include
12 persons with disabilities and take into consideration the geographic,
13 racial, and ethnic diversity of the state. Money for the stipends must be
14 allocated from the department of higher education to the institution of
15 higher education to be credited to the student's account AND DOES NOT
16 CONSTITUTE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. A student teacher who
17 receives a financial stipend pursuant to this section must agree to work in
18 a rural school or rural school district for at least two years, unless he or
19 she can demonstrate extenuating circumstances that such employment
20 would impose a hardship on him or her. If a recipient of a financial
21 stipend awarded pursuant to this section does not accept an offer of
22 employment to teach in a rural school or rural school district after the
23 completion of his or her student teaching, he or she may, as determined
24 by the department of education on a case-by-case basis, reimburse the
25 department of higher education for two-thirds of the amount of the
26 financial stipend that he or she received. If a recipient of a financial
27 stipend awarded pursuant to this section accepts an offer of employment

1 to teach in a rural school or rural school district but only teaches in a rural
2 school or rural school district for one year and not the required two years,
3 he or she may, as determined by the department of education on a
4 case-by-case basis, reimburse the department of higher education for
5 one-third of the amount of the financial stipend he or she received.

6 (2) FOR THE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
7 THEREAFTER, OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE
8 PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE 76 AND THE TEACHING
9 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE
10 23, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ALLOCATE TO THE
11 STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TWENTY-FIVE
12 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER THE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP
13 PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE 23 ARE
14 FULLY FUNDED FOR THE APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR; EXCEPT THAT THE
15 DEPARTMENT MAY ADJUST THE PERCENTAGE ALLOCATED BASED ON THE
16 DEMAND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
17 SECTION AND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-76-106 AND ON
18 INPUT RECEIVED FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF RURAL SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL
19 DISTRICTS.

20 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-76-106, **amend**
21 (1)(c), (1)(d), and (2); and add (1)(e) and (5) as follows:

22 **23-76-106. National board certified teacher stipends -**
23 **concurrent enrollment stipends - continuing education stipends.**

24 (1) The department of higher education shall annually provide financial
25 stipends, not to exceed six thousand dollars each, to any:

26 (c) Teacher completing an alternative licensure program approved
27 by the department of education pursuant to article 60.5 of title 22 that

1 leads to initial licensure in the state of Colorado and full-time
2 employment as a teacher in a rural school or school district that serves
3 rural schools; or

4 (d) Individual seeking to complete the required course work
5 leading to certification as a special services provider and employment in
6 a rural school or school district that is providing services to rural schools;

7 OR

8 (e) TEACHER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A RURAL SCHOOL OR SCHOOL
9 DISTRICT OR A RURAL BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES AND IS SEEKING
10 AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE ENDORSEMENT OR A MASTER'S DEGREE TO MEET
11 A FACULTY NEED OF THE RURAL SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR BOARD OF
12 COOPERATIVE SERVICES.

13 (2) The stipends may be used to offset application fees, evaluation
14 costs, tuition costs, and any additional costs associated with obtaining
15 initial licensure or in support of a teacher's or special services provider's
16 professional development plan; except that the stipends may only be used
17 to offset costs associated with an institution of higher education or an
18 alternative licensure program that is approved by the state board of
19 education. A STIPEND AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION DOES NOT
20 CONSTITUTE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

21 (5) (a) FOR THE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
22 THEREAFTER, OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE
23 PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE 76 AND THE TEACHING
24 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE
25 23, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ALLOCATE, OF THE
26 AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER THE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS
27 DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE 23 ARE FULLY FUNDED

1 FOR THE APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR:

2 (I) TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT TO THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN
3 SUBSECTIONS (1)(a), (1)(b), AND (1)(e) OF THIS SECTION; AND

4 (II) FIFTY PERCENT TO THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
5 (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF
7 THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADJUST THE PERCENTAGE
8 ALLOCATIONS BASED ON THE DEMAND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN
9 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN
10 SECTION 23-76-104 AND ON INPUT RECEIVED FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 RURAL SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
12 DISTRIBUTE ANY AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER AWARDING STIPENDS FOR
13 TEACHERS TO FUND THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(d) OF
14 THIS SECTION.

15 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-303, **amend**
16 (8) as follows:

17 **23-78-303. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, unless the context
18 otherwise requires:

19 (8) "Stipend" means a teaching fellowship stipend distributed to
20 a teaching fellow AS WAGES FOR EMPLOYMENT OR as state-based financial
21 aid as provided in section 23-78-306.

22 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-305, **amend**
23 (2)(c)(II) and (3) as follows:

24 **23-78-305. Teaching fellowship program - agreements -**
25 **requirements - report.** (2) At a minimum, each agreement must
26 describe the roles and expectations of the rural local education provider
27 and the institution of higher education in implementing the program,

1 including at a minimum:

2 (c) The commitment of the institution of higher education to:

3 (II) Disburse the stipend using the standard methods for allocating
4 state-based financial aid OR AS WAGES FOR EMPLOYMENT, AS SELECTED BY
5 THE TEACHING FELLOW PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION;
6 and

7 (3) During the one-year teaching fellowship, each teaching fellow
8 is expected to complete the approved educator preparation program in
9 which he or she is enrolled and any additional requirements for
10 completing his or her postsecondary credential. EACH TEACHING FELLOW
11 MUST CHOOSE WHETHER TO HAVE A STIPEND AWARDED AS STATE-BASED
12 FINANCIAL AID OR AS WAGES FOR EMPLOYMENT. Each teaching fellow
13 must commit to at least two full school years of employment by the rural
14 local education provider following completion of the fellowship year if
15 the teaching fellow receives an offer of employment from the rural local
16 education provider for each of the two school years. A teaching fellow
17 who receives offers of employment for both school years and does not
18 complete the two full school years of employment must repay the amount
19 received as a stipend during the fellowship year.

20 **SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 23-78-306 as**
21 **follows:**

22 **23-78-306. Teaching fellowship stipends - amount - funding.**

23 (1) Subject to available appropriations, up to one hundred teaching
24 fellows per year, selected as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
25 shall receive financial assistance in the form of a stipend in the amount
26 of ten thousand dollars disbursed during the fellowship year. ~~The stipend~~
27 ~~is~~ AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 23-78-305 (3), THE TEACHING FELLOW MUST

1 CHOOSE WHETHER THE STIPEND IS AWARDED AS STATE-BASED FINANCIAL
2 AID OR AS WAGES FOR EMPLOYMENT. IN EITHER CASE, THE STIPEND IS
3 AWARDED WITHOUT REGARD TO NEED AND IS in addition to any other
4 financial assistance that may be available to the teaching fellow. A
5 teaching fellow may apply the stipend to pay the costs of attendance
6 during the year in which he or she participates in the teaching fellowship
7 program.

8 (2) The teaching fellowship stipends shall be paid fifty percent by
9 the department of higher education ~~as part of the state financial assistance~~
10 ~~program~~ FROM THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PART 3 and fifty
11 percent by the participating institution of higher education. ~~as institutional~~
12 ~~financial assistance~~. An institution of higher education that participates
13 in a teaching fellowship program shall notify the department of higher
14 education of the enrollment of each student who enters into a teaching
15 fellowship program. Based on the level of chronic hiring difficulty and
16 financial need demonstrated by each participating rural local education
17 provider, the department shall annually select up to one hundred students
18 enrolled in teaching fellowship programs to receive the stipend and shall
19 forward to the institution fifty percent of the amount of the stipend for
20 each selected student. The institution shall provide the remaining fifty
21 percent of the stipend and disburse one hundred percent of each stipend
22 to the selected teaching fellows as provided in ~~section 23-78-305 (1)(c)~~
23 SECTION 23-78-305 (2)(c).

24 (3) If, upon completion of a teaching fellowship program, a
25 teaching fellow does not accept an offer of employment made by the
26 participating rural local education provider, or does not complete two full
27 school years of employment as required in section 23-78-305 (3), the

1 teaching fellow must repay the amount received as a stipend during the
2 teaching fellowship year in accordance with terms established by the
3 participating institution of higher education, and upon receipt of
4 repayment the institution shall refund to the department of higher
5 education the amount of the stipend. ~~paid as state financial aid.~~

6 (4) The general assembly shall annually appropriate to the
7 department of higher education the amount required to implement the
8 teaching fellowship programs as provided in this part 3. Any unexpended
9 and unencumbered money from an appropriation made for the purposes
10 of this part 3 FOR A STATE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING PRIOR TO JULY 1,
11 2020, remains available for expenditure by the department for the
12 purposes of this part 3 AND FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 23-76-104
13 AND 23-76-106 in the next fiscal year without further appropriation.

14 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-121, **amend** (2),
15 (4)(a)(I), (4)(a)(III), (4)(b), (4)(d), and (6); **repeal** (8); and **add** (4)(a)(I.5)
16 as follows:

17 **23-1-121. Commission directive - approval of educator**
18 **preparation programs - review - report.** (2) The commission shall
19 adopt policies establishing the requirements for educator preparation
20 programs offered by institutions of higher education. The department
21 shall work in cooperation with the state board of education in developing
22 the requirements for educator preparation programs. At a minimum, the
23 requirements must ensure that each educator preparation program
24 complies with section 23-1-125, is designed on a performance-based
25 model, and includes:

26 (a) ~~A comprehensive admission system that includes screening of~~
27 ~~a candidate's dispositions for the field in which he or she is seeking~~

1 licensure, consideration of a candidate's academic preparation for entry
2 into his or her desired endorsement area or areas, and preadmission
3 advising for students who are considering becoming candidates. The
4 department shall work in collaboration with the programs to define any
5 dispositions considered to be appropriate for educators. PROGRAM DESIGN
6 AROUND A SHARED VISION OF CANDIDATE PROFICIENCY AND
7 PROFESSIONALISM THAT SUPPORTS DECISION MAKING ABOUT
8 PARTNERSHIPS AND THE INTEGRATION OF CURRICULA, LEARNERS, AND
9 COURSE WORK AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES;

10 (b) ~~Ongoing advising and screening of candidates by practicing~~
11 ~~educators or faculty members~~ MAPPING, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT,
12 ASSESSMENT, AND SUPPORT OF CANDIDATE PROFICIENCIES, INCLUDING
13 CANDIDATES' DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENT KNOWLEDGE,
14 PEDAGOGICAL KNOWLEDGE, THE CONTENT KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED FOR
15 EDUCATING, AND THE DISPOSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES
16 NECESSARY TO BE SUCCESSFUL;

17 (c) ~~Course work and field-based training that integrates theory and~~
18 ~~practice and educates candidates in the methodologies, practices, and~~
19 ~~procedures of standards-based education, as described in part 10 of article~~
20 ~~7 of title 22, C.R.S., and specifically in teaching to the state preschool~~
21 ~~through elementary and secondary education standards adopted pursuant~~
22 ~~to section 22-7-1005, C.R.S.~~ WITH REGARD TO TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL
23 PREPARATION PROGRAMS, COURSES THAT PROVIDE CONTENT KNOWLEDGE
24 AS DESCRIBED IN PART 10 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 22, SPECIFICALLY IN
25 TEACHING TO THE STATE PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND
26 SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION
27 22-7-1005;

1 (c.5) Course work that teaches teacher candidates the science of
2 reading, including the foundational reading skills of phonemic awareness,
3 phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency including oral skills,
4 and reading comprehension, and the skills and strategies to apply to
5 ensure that every student learns to read. READING COURSE WORK AND
6 FIELD PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES MUST BE A SIGNIFICANT FOCUS FOR
7 TEACHERS PREPARING FOR ENDORSEMENT IN ELEMENTARY, EARLY
8 CHILDHOOD, OR SPECIAL EDUCATION.

9 (d) ~~A requirement that each teacher candidate in an initial~~
10 ~~licensure program complete at least one full, continuous school year of~~
11 ~~supervised field-based experience that relates to predetermined learning~~
12 ~~standards and includes best practices; and, during the course of the~~
13 ~~preparation program, each principal and administrator candidate complete~~
14 ~~a minimum of three hundred hours, and each other advanced degree or~~
15 ~~add-on endorsement candidate complete an appropriate period, of~~
16 ~~supervised field-based experience that relates to predetermined learning~~
17 ~~standards and includes best practices and national norms related to the~~
18 ~~candidate's endorsement~~ INTENTIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, EARLY AND
19 THROUGHOUT PREPARATION, RELATING TO PREDETERMINED STATE
20 CONTENT STANDARDS, WHICH EXPERIENCES AFFORD CANDIDATES
21 MULTIPLE, INTENTIONAL EXPERIENCES TO LEARN FROM PRACTICE.
22 CLINICAL EXPERIENCES MUST BE ALIGNED WITH PROGRAM CURRICULA SO
23 THAT CANDIDATES DEVELOP PEDAGOGICAL SKILLS AND PEDAGOGICAL
24 CONTENT KNOWLEDGE. TEACHER PREPARATION CANDIDATES MUST
25 COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED HOURS, AND PRINCIPAL AND
26 ADMINISTRATOR CANDIDATES MUST COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF THREE
27 HUNDRED HOURS, OF CLINICAL PRACTICE. A TEACHER CANDIDATE MUST

1 COMPLETE THE HOURS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE WHILE ENROLLED IN AN
2 APPROVED EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM; EXCEPT THAT A PROGRAM,
3 AFTER REVIEW, MAY ACCEPT CLINICAL PRACTICE HOURS COMPLETED
4 BEFORE ENROLLING IN THE PROGRAM. A MAJORITY OF THE CLINICAL
5 PRACTICE HOURS MUST BE COMPLETED THROUGH A CONTINUOUS
6 PLACEMENT. FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENT OR ADVANCED
7 DEGREE, A CANDIDATE MUST COMPLETE AN APPROPRIATE PERIOD OF
8 SUPERVISED FIELD EXPERIENCES THAT RELATE TO PREDETERMINED
9 STANDARDS, INCLUDING BEST PRACTICES AND RELEVANT NATIONAL
10 NORMS RELATED TO THE CANDIDATE'S ENDORSEMENTS.

11 (e) A requirement that each candidate, prior to graduation, must
12 demonstrate the skills required for licensure, as specified by rule of the
13 state board of education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (3), C.R.S., in the
14 manner specified by rule of the state board;

15 ~~(f) Comprehensive, ongoing assessment including evaluation of~~
16 ~~each candidate's subject matter and professional knowledge and ability to~~
17 ~~demonstrate skill in applying the professional knowledge base. A~~
18 REQUIREMENT THAT PREPARATION PROGRAM FACULTY, TO IMPROVE THEIR
19 WORK, MUST ENGAGE IN CONTINUOUS EVIDENCE-BASED CYCLES OF
20 SELF-REFLECTION AND REVIEW REGARDING THE IMPACT OF THEIR
21 PROGRAMS ON THEIR CANDIDATES' DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE
22 PROGRAMS. THESE CYCLES MUST INCLUDE DATA ON CURRENT
23 CANDIDATES THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM AND AVAILABLE DATA ON
24 PROGRAM COMPLETERS.

25 (4) (a) (I) The department, in conjunction with the department of
26 education, shall review each educator preparation program offered by an
27 institution of higher education as provided in ~~paragraph (b) of this~~

1 ~~subsection (4)~~ SUBSECTION (4)(b) OF THIS SECTION and shall establish a
2 schedule for review of each educator preparation program that ensures
3 each program is reviewed as provided in this section not more frequently
4 than once every five years; EXCEPT THAT, IF A PROGRAM IS PLACED ON
5 CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR PROBATIONARY STATUS, THE PROGRAM MUST
6 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL REVIEWS WITHIN THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, AS
7 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. REVIEWS OF OR DECISIONS MADE
8 CONCERNING A PROGRAM AFTER IT IS PLACED ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL
9 OR PROBATIONARY STATUS DO NOT CHANGE THE DATE OF THE PROGRAM'S
10 NEXT FIVE-YEAR REVIEW, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

11 (I.5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (4)(a)(I)
12 OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, IF A NEW UNIT IS APPROVED AND
13 OFFERS A NEW EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT
14 SHALL REVIEW THE NEW EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM NO SOONER
15 THAN TWELVE MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS
16 AFTER THE NEW EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM IS INITIALLY
17 APPROVED.

18 (III) An institution of higher education that chooses to offer a new
19 educator preparation program or modify an existing program, ~~either~~ by
20 significantly modifying the content, ~~or modifying the geographic area in~~
21 ~~which the program is offered~~, FIELD EXPERIENCES, OR PROGRAM
22 DELIVERY, shall submit the new or modified program to the department
23 for review pursuant to this section. The commission shall adopt policies
24 and procedures for the review of new and modified programs.

25 (b) Each program review conducted pursuant to ~~paragraph (a) of~~
26 ~~this subsection (4) shall~~ SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST ensure
27 that the program meets the minimum requirements adopted pursuant to

1 subsections (2) and (3) of this section and the requirements of section
2 23-1-108 and any policies adopted pursuant thereto. In determining
3 whether to initially approve or continue the approval of an educator
4 preparation program, the commission shall consider any
5 recommendations made by the state board of education pursuant to
6 section 22-2-109 (5) ~~C.R.S.~~, concerning the effectiveness of the program
7 content. If the state board of education recommends that a program not
8 be approved OR BE PLACED ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR PROBATION,
9 the commission shall follow the recommendation by refusing initial
10 approval of the program, PLACING THE PROGRAM ON CONDITIONAL
11 APPROVAL, or placing the program on probation.

12 (d) (I) Following review of an educator preparation program, if
13 the commission determines that the program does not meet the
14 requirements specified in ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection (4)~~ SUBSECTION
15 (4)(b) OF THIS SECTION, it shall GRANT THE PROGRAM CONDITIONAL
16 APPROVAL, place the program on probation, OR TERMINATE THE
17 PROGRAM. The commission shall adopt policies specifying the procedures
18 for placing a program on ~~probation and for subsequently terminating a~~
19 ~~program~~ CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, PLACING A PROGRAM ON PROBATION,
20 AND TERMINATING A PROGRAM, including a procedure for appeal; THE
21 LENGTH OF TIME THAT A PROGRAM MAY REMAIN ON CONDITIONAL
22 APPROVAL OR PROBATION; AND THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE LEVEL OF
23 APPROVAL OF A PROGRAM IS REVIEWED AND CHANGED.

24 (II) A PROGRAM THAT THE COMMISSION PLACES ON CONDITIONAL
25 APPROVAL MAY CONTINUE TO ACCEPT NEW STUDENTS. A program that is
26 ~~placed~~ THE COMMISSION PLACES on probation ~~shall~~ MUST not accept new
27 students until the commission removes the program from probationary

1 status.

2 (III) If the commission determines that termination of the approval
3 of a program is necessary, the program ~~shall~~ MUST be terminated within
4 four years after ~~said~~ THE determination.

5 (IV) If the commission places a program on CONDITIONAL
6 APPROVAL OR probation based on the recommendation of the state board
7 of education, the commission shall consult with the state board of
8 education in determining AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(d)(II) OR
9 (4)(d)(III) OF THIS SECTION whether the program should SUBSEQUENTLY
10 be reapproved, ~~or whether approval should be~~ CONDITIONALLY
11 APPROVED, PLACED ON PROBATION, OR terminated.

12 (6) The department shall annually prepare a report concerning the
13 enrollment in, graduation rates from, and effectiveness of the review of
14 educator preparation programs authorized by the commission. In addition
15 the report shall include data on the outcomes of graduates of educator
16 preparation programs pursuant to section 22-2-112 (1)(q). ~~€R.S.~~ The
17 report shall also state the percentage of educator candidates graduating
18 from each program during the preceding twelve months ~~that~~ WHO applied
19 for and received an initial license pursuant to section 22-60.5-201, ~~€R.S.~~,
20 and the percentage of the graduates who passed the assessments
21 administered pursuant to section 22-60.5-203. ~~€R.S.~~ For purposes of
22 completing the report required pursuant to this subsection (6), the
23 department of higher education and the department of education shall
24 share any relevant data that complies with state and federal regulations
25 with the other agency. The department shall provide notice to the
26 education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or
27 any successor committees, that the report is available to the members of

1 the committees upon request. NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN
2 SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT
3 REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (6) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

4 (8) ~~On or before December 30, 2013, the commission shall review~~
5 ~~the provisions of this section and any associated commission policies and~~
6 ~~make recommendations for a new system to review, evaluate, and assist~~
7 ~~educator preparation programs regarding the requirements of Senate Bill~~
8 ~~08-212, enacted in 2008, Senate Bill 10-191, enacted in 2010, House Bill~~
9 ~~09-1065, enacted in 2009, Senate Bill 10-036, enacted in 2010, Senate~~
10 ~~Bill 11-245, enacted in 2011, and any laws pertaining to educator~~
11 ~~preparation programs enacted in 2013.~~

12 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 23-1-121.2 as**
13 **follows:**

14 **23-1-121.2. Department directive - educator preparation**
15 **pathways - public information.** BY OCTOBER 1, 2020, THE DEPARTMENT
16 SHALL POST ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE A DESCRIPTION OF EACH OF THE
17 EXISTING PROGRAMS AND PATHWAYS THAT LEAD TO TEACHER LICENSURE,
18 INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS APPROVED
19 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22, TEACHER PREPARATION
20 PROGRAMS APPROVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-121, TEACHER
21 RESIDENCY PROGRAMS, STUDENT TEACHER PROGRAMS, CONCURRENT
22 ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS, TEACHER CADET PROGRAMS, GROW YOUR OWN
23 EDUCATOR PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION
24 22-60.5-208.5, PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH THE COLLABORATIVE
25 EDUCATOR PREPARATION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION
26 23-78-203, AND THE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS CREATED
27 PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE 23. THE DEPARTMENT

1 SHALL ANNUALLY UPDATE THE DESCRIPTIONS OF PROGRAMS AND
2 PATHWAYS.

3 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-109, **amend**
4 (5)(a) as follows:

5 **22-2-109. State board of education - additional duties - teacher**
6 **standards - principal standards.** (5) (a) The state board shall review the
7 content of educator preparation programs offered by institutions of higher
8 education within the state. Such review ~~shall~~ **MUST** be designed to ensure
9 that the content of each program is designed and implemented in a
10 manner that will enable a candidate to meet the requirements specified by
11 the state board pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and the
12 requirements for licensure endorsement adopted by rule of the state board
13 pursuant to section 22-60.5-106. The state board shall recommend to the
14 Colorado commission on higher education that a program BE PLACED ON
15 CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, BE PLACED ON PROBATION, OR not be approved
16 pursuant to section 23-1-121 ~~C.R.S.~~, if it determines that the program
17 content does not meet the requirements specified in subsection (3) of this
18 section or the endorsement requirements.

19 **SECTION 11. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety. _____