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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH**
102 **A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATES**
103 **USING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S LOCALLY RECEIVED MONEY.**

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 authorizes a school district board of education to establish a scholarship program for graduates of the school district. The scholarships must be paid from additional mill levy revenue that the school district is authorized to collect; gifts, grants, and donations; or both. A board of education that establishes a scholarship program is

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HOUSE
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encouraged to prioritize low-income and first-generation students; limit the tuition rate that may be paid using a scholarship; and specify the uses of the scholarship. A school district that implements a scholarship program must submit a report concerning the scholarship program and scholarship recipients to the department of education, which must compile the reports received and submit the compilation to the state board of education and the education committees of the general assembly.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-32-149 as
3 follows:

4 **22-32-149. District scholarship programs - authorized.** (1) A
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP
6 PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM
7 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A HIGH SCHOOL
8 EQUIVALENCY EXAMINATION WHILE ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
9 THE SCHOLARSHIPS MUST BE FUNDED FROM ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY
10 REVENUE THAT IS APPROVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-108; FROM
11 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES FOR
12 PURPOSES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; OR FROM A COMBINATION OF
13 BOTH. A BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT ESTABLISHES A SCHOLARSHIP
14 PROGRAM IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO:

15 (a) PRIORITIZE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE
16 FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
17 FEDERAL "RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42
18 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ., AND STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS DO NOT HAVE
19 A POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL, TO FACILITATE AWARDING
20 SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCREASE GRADUATES' ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY
21 EDUCATION; **AND**

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1 (b) LIMIT THE USE OF SCHOLARSHIP MONEY TO TUITION, BOOKS
2 AND SUPPLIES, AND TRANSPORTATION.

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4 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.