

CHAPTER 127

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 21-1129

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also SENATOR(S) Bridges and Story, Buckner, Danielson, Ginal, Gonzales, Kolker, Winter, Zenzinger.

AN ACT**CONCERNING EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE BY WHICH TEACHERS MUST COMPLETE TRAINING IN TEACHING READING.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1208, **amend** (6)(a) introductory portion and (6)(d) as follows:

22-7-1208. Local education providers - procedures - plans - training.
(6) (a) By the beginning of the ~~2021-22 school year~~ 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR and continuing for each school year thereafter, each local education provider that receives per-pupil intervention money or a grant through the early literacy grant program in any budget year starting with the 2019-20 budget year shall ensure that each teacher employed to teach kindergarten or any of grades one through three successfully completes or has successfully completed evidence-based training in teaching reading. To comply with this subsection (6)(a), a local education provider must submit evidence, as described in subsection (6)(b) of this section, that each teacher employed to teach kindergarten or any of grades one through three has successfully completed evidence-based training in teaching reading that is:

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6)(a) of this section, a local education provider that is not in compliance with the requirements of this subsection (6) as of the beginning of the ~~2021-22 school year~~ 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR or for a subsequent school year may request a one-year extension from the department based on a demonstration of good cause for inability to comply.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1210.5, **amend** (3)(b)(II) as follows:

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

22-7-1210.5. Per-pupil intervention money - uses - distribution - monitoring - repeal. (3) (b) To receive per-pupil intervention money in a budget year, a local education provider must meet the following requirements:

(II) For the ~~2021-22 budget year~~ 2022-23 BUDGET YEAR and budget years thereafter, the local education provider must submit evidence that it is in compliance with the teacher training requirements specified in section 22-7-1208 (6);

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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