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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CONSOLIDATING DUTIES UNDER THE AUTHORIZATION**
102 **PROCESS FOR COLORADO EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS**
103 **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO THE**
104 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

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 consolidates the review and approval process for educator preparation programs under the department of education and the state board of education.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) All educator preparation programs in Colorado, both
5 traditional and alternative, provide a route to ensure that all educators
6 have a consistent, high-quality baseline of content competency and
7 teaching skills;

8 (b) Colorado is one of only a handful of states in the nation with
9 an educator preparation approval process that is the joint responsibility of
10 a state department of education and a state department of higher
11 education;

12 (c) For the Colorado commission on higher education, education
13 is the only academic program leading to licensure over which the
14 commission has approval authority while all others are overseen by the
15 department of regulatory agencies or designated programmatic
16 accrediting entities;

17 (d) While Colorado's joint approval process allows for
18 collaboration between the department of education and the department of
19 higher education, it is possible to consolidate responsibilities in a way that
20 allows for continued collaboration and leads to greater transparency and
21 efficiency for educator preparation programs; and

22 (e) Such consolidation is supported by both departments and
23 continues to respect the statutory autonomy of institutions of higher
24 education.

25 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that a more effective
26 approval process would consolidate the authorization and reauthorization

1 of educator preparation programs under the state board of education and
2 the department of education and achieve the following purposes:

3 (a) Align the process with the approval of other academic
4 programs in Colorado; and

5 (b) Allow for consistency, clear messaging, and accountability
6 from a single department with respect to authorization of new educator
7 preparation programs; reauthorization of existing educator preparation
8 programs; authorization of added endorsement areas in already-approved
9 programs; and annual reporting to the legislature on educator preparation
10 programs.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-60.5-121 as
12 follows:

13 **22-60.5-121. Educator preparation programs - requirements**
14 **- advisory committee - report - rules - legislative declaration -**

15 **definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
16 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

17 (a) "CANDIDATE" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN AN
18 INITIAL, ADVANCED, OR OTHER EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM.

19 (b) "EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM
20 THAT PREPARES EDUCATOR CANDIDATES TO MEET THE QUALITY
21 STANDARDS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-9-105.5 (10) AND
22 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE ENDORSEMENT ADOPTED BY STATE
23 BOARD RULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-106. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
24 SECTION, AN "EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN
25 ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAM THAT OBTAINS APPROVAL FROM THE
26 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-205 (3).

27 (c) "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE

1 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102
2 (10)(a); A LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-71-102
3 (1); AN AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-60-103 (1);
4 A PRIVATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-2-102 (11)
5 AND AUTHORIZED BY THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER
6 EDUCATION; AND AN OUT-OF-STATE PUBLIC INSTITUTION, AS DEFINED IN
7 SECTION 23-2-102 (9) AND AUTHORIZED BY THE COLORADO COMMISSION
8 ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

9 (d) "PROGRAM" MEANS A PLANNED SEQUENCE OF
10 UNDERGRADUATE, POST-BACCALAUREATE, OR GRADUATE COURSES AND
11 EXPERIENCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING CANDIDATES TO BE
12 EFFECTIVE EDUCATORS IN PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH-GRADE
13 SETTINGS. A PROGRAM MAY LEAD TO A DEGREE, AN EDUCATOR LICENSE,
14 OR BOTH.

15 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING THE
16 REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, WHICH, AT A
17 MINIMUM, MUST ENSURE THAT EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
18 INCLUDES:

19 (a) PROGRAM DESIGN AROUND CANDIDATE PROFICIENCY AND
20 PROFESSIONALISM THAT SUPPORTS DECISION-MAKING ABOUT
21 PARTNERSHIPS AND THE INTEGRATION OF CURRICULA, LEARNERS, COURSE
22 WORK, AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE;

23 (b) MAPPING, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSMENT, AND
24 SUPPORT OF CANDIDATE PROFICIENCY, INCLUDING A CANDIDATE'S DEEP
25 UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENT KNOWLEDGE, PEDAGOGICAL KNOWLEDGE,
26 THE CONTENT KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED FOR EDUCATING, AND THE
27 DISPOSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES NECESSARY TO BE

1 SUCCESSFUL;

2 (c) COURSE WORK THAT PROVIDES CONTENT KNOWLEDGE AS
3 DESCRIBED IN PART 10 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 22, SPECIFICALLY IN
4 TEACHING TO THE STATE CONTENT STANDARDS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
5 SECTION 22-7-1005;

6 (d) COURSE WORK THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE "COLORADO
7 READING TO ENSURE ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT", PART 12 OF
8 ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 22, AND THE FOUNDATIONAL READING SKILLS OF
9 PHONEMIC AWARENESS, PHONICS, VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT, READING
10 FLUENCY, INCLUDING ORAL SKILLS AND READING COMPREHENSION, AND
11 THE SKILLS AND STRATEGIES TO APPLY TO ENSURE THAT EVERY STUDENT
12 LEARNS HOW TO READ. READING COURSE WORK AND CLINICAL PRACTICE
13 OPPORTUNITIES MUST BE A SIGNIFICANT FOCUS FOR TEACHERS PREPARING
14 FOR ENDORSEMENT IN ELEMENTARY, EARLY CHILDHOOD, OR SPECIAL
15 EDUCATION.

16 (e) COURSE WORK THAT PROVIDES EDUCATOR CANDIDATES WITH
17 AN OVERVIEW OF TITLE II OF THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH
18 DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED,
19 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS; SECTION 504 OF THE FEDERAL
20 "REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973", 29 U.S.C. SEC. 701 ET SEQ., AS
21 AMENDED, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS; THE FEDERAL
22 "INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT", 20 U.S.C. SEC. 1400
23 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS;
24 INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
25 22-20-103 (15); AND CHILD FIND, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-20-103 (4),
26 AND THAT TEACHES EDUCATORS EFFECTIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION
27 CLASSROOM PRACTICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INCLUSIVE

1 LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS;

2 (f) INTENTIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, EARLY ON AND
3 THROUGHOUT EDUCATOR PREPARATION, RELATING TO PREDETERMINED
4 STATE CONTENT STANDARDS THAT AFFORD CANDIDATES MULTIPLE
5 INTENTIONAL EXPERIENCES TO LEARN FROM PRACTICE. CLINICAL
6 EXPERIENCES MUST BE ALIGNED WITH EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
7 CURRICULA SO THAT CANDIDATES DEVELOP PEDAGOGICAL SKILLS AND
8 PEDAGOGICAL CONTENT KNOWLEDGE. TEACHER PREPARATION
9 CANDIDATES SHALL COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED HOURS IN
10 CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, AND PRINCIPAL AND ADMINISTRATOR CANDIDATES
11 SHALL COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF THREE HUNDRED HOURS OF CLINICAL
12 EXPERIENCE. A TEACHER CANDIDATE SHALL COMPLETE THE CLINICAL
13 EXPERIENCE HOURS WHILE ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED EDUCATOR
14 PREPARATION PROGRAM; EXCEPT THAT AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION
15 PROGRAM MAY REVIEW AND ACCEPT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE HOURS
16 COMPLETED BEFORE ENROLLING AN EDUCATOR IN THE EDUCATOR
17 PREPARATION PROGRAM. A MAJORITY OF THE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
18 HOURS MUST BE COMPLETED THROUGH A CONTINUOUS CLINICAL
19 PLACEMENT. FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENT OR ADVANCED
20 DEGREE, A CANDIDATE SHALL COMPLETE AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF
21 SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCES THAT RELATE TO PREDETERMINED
22 STATE CONTENT STANDARDS, INCLUDING BEST PRACTICES AND RELEVANT
23 NATIONAL NORMS RELATED TO THE CANDIDATE'S ENDORSEMENTS.

24 (g) A REQUIREMENT THAT EACH TEACHER PREPARATION
25 CANDIDATE IN AN INITIAL LICENSURE PROGRAM COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE
26 SEMESTER OR QUARTER-LENGTH COURSE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
27 TRAINING AND ONE SEMESTER OR QUARTER-LENGTH COURSE IN USING

1 CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND TRAUMA- AND EVIDENCED-INFORMED
2 PRACTICES;

3 (h) A REQUIREMENT THAT EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION
4 CANDIDATE, PRIOR TO GRADUATION, DEMONSTRATE THE SKILLS REQUIRED
5 FOR LICENSURE, AS SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF
6 EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-109 (4), IN THE MANNER
7 SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND

8 (i) A REQUIREMENT THAT EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, TO
9 IMPROVE THEIR OUTCOMES, ENGAGE IN CONTINUOUS EVIDENCE-BASED
10 CYCLES OF REVIEW REGARDING THE IMPACT OF THE EDUCATOR
11 PREPARATION PROGRAMS ON THE CANDIDATES' DEVELOPMENT
12 THROUGHOUT THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM. THE CYCLES MUST
13 INCLUDE DATA ON CURRENT CANDIDATES ENROLLED IN THE EDUCATOR
14 PREPARATION PROGRAM AND AVAILABLE DATA ON EDUCATORS WHO HAVE
15 COMPLETED THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM.

16 (3) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES TO ENSURE THAT EACH
17 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM INCLUDES PROCEDURES TO MONITOR
18 AND IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION
19 PROGRAM, AS WELL AS EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS GRADUATES
20 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-9-105.5, INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM, THE
21 FOLLOWING:

22 (a) PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
23 TO ENSURE THAT THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM MEETS THE
24 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED BY STATE BOARD RULE PURSUANT TO THIS
25 SECTION;

26 (b) A PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTING AND REVIEWING EVALUATIVE
27 DATA CONCERNING THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING

1 PERIODIC SURVEYS OF GRADUATES AND EMPLOYERS, AND EDUCATOR DATA
2 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-112 (1)(q) IN ORDER TO MODIFY
3 THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AS NECESSARY IN RESPONSE TO
4 THE DATA COLLECTED; AND

5 (c) A PROCEDURE FOR REVIEWING THE SCORES ACHIEVED ON THE
6 PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
7 SECTION 22-60.5-203 AND THE DATA CONCERNING MULTIPLE MEASURES
8 OF ASSESSING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
9 SECTION 22-60.5-203 (3)(e) FOR CANDIDATES ENROLLED IN AND
10 GRADUATING FROM THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AND A
11 PROCEDURE FOR MODIFYING THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AS
12 NECESSARY.

13 (4) (a) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW EACH EDUCATOR
14 PREPARATION PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b) OF THIS
15 SECTION AND ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF EACH EDUCATOR
16 PREPARATION PROGRAM THAT ENSURES EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION
17 PROGRAM IS REVIEWED NOT MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE EVERY FIVE
18 YEARS; EXCEPT THAT, IF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM IS PLACED
19 ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR PROBATIONARY STATUS, THE EDUCATOR
20 PREPARATION PROGRAM MUST RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL REVIEW WITHIN
21 THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. A REVIEW
22 OF OR DECISION MADE CONCERNING AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION
23 PROGRAM AFTER IT IS PLACED ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR
24 PROBATIONARY STATUS DOES NOT CHANGE THE DATE OF THE EDUCATOR
25 PREPARATION PROGRAM'S NEXT FIVE-YEAR REVIEW.

26 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (4)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION,
27 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW ANY NEW EDUCATOR PREPARATION

1 PROGRAM NO SOONER THAN TWELVE MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN
2 TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE NEW EDUCATOR PREPARATION
3 PROGRAM IS INITIALLY APPROVED.

4 (III) ANY NEW EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM OR
5 MODIFICATION TO AN EXISTING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM THAT
6 SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIES THE CONTENT, CLINICAL EXPERIENCES, OR
7 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM DELIVERY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO
8 THE DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE STATE
9 BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REVIEW OF NEW
10 AND MODIFIED EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

11 (b) EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REVIEW CONDUCTED
12 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST ENSURE THAT THE
13 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
14 ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SECTION. THE
15 REVIEW MUST BE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT EDUCATOR PREPARATION
16 PROGRAMS ARE IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER THAT ENABLES CANDIDATES
17 TO MEET THE QUALITY STANDARDS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-9-103
18 (2.9), AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE ENDORSEMENT ADOPTED
19 BY STATE BOARD RULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-106. THE
20 DEPARTMENT SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE STATE BOARD THAT AN
21 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM BE APPROVED, PLACED ON
22 CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, PLACED ON PROBATION, OR NOT BE APPROVED
23 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

24 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH EACH
25 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM TO OBTAIN ANY DATA REQUESTED BY
26 THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT
27 PATTERNS, COMPLETION RATES, AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EDUCATOR

1 PREPARATION PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION
2 PROGRAM SHALL, UPON REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT, PREPARE AND
3 SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN REVIEWING
4 THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE
5 DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
6 GOVERNING BOARDS OF EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT
7 OFFERS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS IN SPECIFYING THE
8 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.

9 (d) (I) BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT AN
10 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM NOT BE APPROVED OR THAT IT BE
11 PLACED ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR PROBATION, THE STATE BOARD
12 SHALL DENY APPROVAL, GRANT THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
13 CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, OR PLACE THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION
14 PROGRAM ON PROBATION. THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES
15 SPECIFYING THE PROCEDURES FOR DENYING APPROVAL OR PLACING AN
16 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR
17 PROBATION AND THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE LEVEL OF APPROVAL OF AN
18 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM IS REVIEWED AND CHANGED.

19 (II) AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM THAT THE STATE
20 BOARD PLACES ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL MAY CONTINUE TO ACCEPT
21 NEW CANDIDATES. AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM THAT THE
22 STATE BOARD PLACES ON PROBATION SHALL NOT ACCEPT NEW
23 CANDIDATES UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT REMOVES THE EDUCATOR
24 PREPARATION PROGRAM FROM PROBATIONARY STATUS.

25 (III) IF THE STATE BOARD PLACES AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION
26 PROGRAM ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OR PROBATION, THE STATE BOARD
27 SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE

1 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM SHOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE
2 REAPPROVED, CONDITIONALLY APPROVED, PLACED ON PROBATION, OR
3 TERMINATED.

4 (IV) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OFFERING EDUCATOR
5 PREPARATION PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
6 SECTIONS 23-1-107, 23-1-108, AND 23-1-125. A PRIVATE COLLEGE OR
7 UNIVERSITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-2-102 (11), AND OUT-OF-STATE
8 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-2-102 (9), THAT OFFER
9 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS IN COLORADO ARE SUBJECT TO THE
10 REQUIREMENTS IN ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 23 AND RELATED POLICIES OF THE
11 COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION. IN DETERMINING
12 WHETHER TO INITIALLY APPROVE OR CONTINUE THE APPROVAL OF AN
13 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER
14 ANY RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

15 (e) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES TO
16 TERMINATE ANY EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM IF THE PROGRAM DID
17 NOT SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATE ANY CANDIDATES DURING THE PREVIOUS
18 FIVE YEARS.

19 (5) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A FEE OR REIMBURSEMENT
20 MECHANISM TO BE PAID TO THE DEPARTMENT BY AN ENTITY THAT
21 PROVIDES AND APPLIES FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION
22 PROGRAM. THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE OR REIMBURSEMENT MUST REFLECT
23 THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN ADMINISTERING
24 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

25 (6) (a) (I) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT A
26 HIGH-QUALITY TEACHER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN-SCHOOL FACTOR FOR
27 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND THAT STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM SEEING A

1 DIVERSE GROUP OF EDUCATORS IN CLASSROOMS. HOWEVER, THE
2 EDUCATOR WORKFORCE IN COLORADO IS NOT AS DIVERSE AS THE
3 POPULATION OF STUDENTS IT SERVES OR WILL SERVE IN THE FUTURE.

4 (II) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT
5 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS MUST CLEARLY AND
6 TRANSPARENTLY SHOW THE FIRST-TIME PASS RATES OF CANDIDATES ON
7 THE ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-203
8 (3)(a)(I), ESPECIALLY THOSE CANDIDATES WHOSE GENDER, RACE, OR
9 ETHNICITY IS UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE EDUCATOR WORKFORCE, AND
10 THAT DIVERSE EDUCATOR CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE
11 NECESSARY INFORMATION TO DETERMINE WHICH EDUCATOR PREPARATION
12 PROGRAM GIVES THE CANDIDATE THE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS AT
13 BECOMING AN EDUCATOR.

14 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE
15 DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY PREPARE A REPORT CONCERNING THE
16 ENROLLMENT IN, GRADUATION FROM, AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
17 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
18 IN ADDITION, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

19 (I) DATA ON THE OUTCOMES OF GRADUATES OF EDUCATOR
20 PREPARATION PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-112 (1)(q);

21 (II) THE PERCENTAGE OF EDUCATOR CANDIDATES GRADUATING
22 FROM EACH EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM DURING THE PRECEDING
23 TWELVE MONTHS WHO APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED AN INITIAL LICENSE
24 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-201;

25 (III) THE PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES WHO PASSED THE
26 ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-203 (3)(a)(I),
27 INCLUDING THE PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES WHO PASSED THE

1 ASSESSMENT ON THE FIRST ATTEMPT; AND

2 (IV) THE PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES WHO DID NOT TAKE AN
3 ASSESSMENT IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 22-60.5-203 (3)(a)(I) AND INSTEAD
4 SOUGHT LICENSURE THROUGH THE MULTIPLE MEASURE OPTIONS IN
5 SECTION 22-60.5-203 (3)(a)(II) OR (3)(a)(III).

6 (c) FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLETING THE REPORT REQUIRED
7 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT AND
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL SHARE WITH ONE
9 ANOTHER ANY RELEVANT DATA THAT COMPLIES WITH STATE AND FEDERAL
10 REGULATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE
11 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

13 (d) ALL DATA AND INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED
14 ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(b) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE
15 DISAGGREGATED BY THE GENDER, RACE, AND ETHNICITY OF THE
16 CANDIDATES AND GRADUATES, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

17 (e) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION SHALL POST THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THEIR RESPECTIVE
19 WEBSITES IN THE LOCATION RELATING TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION
20 PROGRAMS AND TEACHER LICENSURE, IF APPLICABLE.

21 (7) THE DEPARTMENT IS ENCOURAGED TO COLLABORATE WITH
22 NATIONAL ACCREDITING BODIES OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
23 AND TO OFFER CONCURRENT AND JOINT SITE VISITS TO EDUCATOR
24 PREPARATION PROGRAMS, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE.

25 (8)(a) THERE IS CREATED AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE STATE
26 BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE INPUT ON
27 RELEVANT TOPICS RELATED TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND EDUCATOR

1 QUALITY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

2 (I) REVIEWING AND PROVIDING FEEDBACK ON THE AUTHORIZATION
3 AND REAUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR NEW EDUCATOR PREPARATION
4 PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS ADDED ENDORSEMENT AREAS IN
5 ALREADY-APPROVED PROGRAMS;

6 (II) PARTICIPATING IN STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING
7 NEW OR REVISED EDUCATOR PREPARATION STANDARDS;

8 (III) IDENTIFYING WAYS TO STREAMLINE APPLICATIONS FOR
9 PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION, REAUTHORIZATION, AND ADDED
10 ENDORSEMENT AREAS;

11 (IV) IDENTIFYING STRATEGIES TO BETTER INTERSECT AND
12 SUPPORT COLORADO SCHOOLS IN A SCHOOL'S EDUCATOR PIPELINE
13 DEVELOPMENT; AND

14 (V) ARTICULATING WAYS TO INCREASE THE EDUCATOR TALENT
15 PIPELINE THAT MEETS COLORADO'S HIRING NEEDS, ESPECIALLY AMONG
16 UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES.

17 (b) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING
18 SEVEN MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF
19 EDUCATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGH APPLICATIONS DEVELOPED
21 BY THE DEPARTMENT:

22 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT;

23 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT;

24 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A TRADITIONAL EDUCATOR
25 PREPARATION PROGRAM;

26 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATOR
27 PREPARATION PROGRAM;

1 (V) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A RECENT GRADUATE FROM A
2 COLORADO EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM THAT IS CURRENTLY
3 TEACHING IN A COLORADO SCHOOL;

4 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT; AND

5 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
6 EDUCATION.

7 (c) THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT
8 THE CHAIR.

9 (d) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AS OFTEN AS
10 NECESSARY TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
11 THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (8). THE DEPARTMENT
12 SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN
13 THE MEETINGS REMOTELY.

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-109, **amend**
15 (1)(g), (1)(h), (1)(i), (3) introductory portion, (4), and (6)(a) introductory
16 portion; and **repeal** (5) and (7) as follows:

17 **22-2-109. State board of education - additional duties - teacher**
18 **standards - principal standards - rules.** (1) The state board of
19 education shall:

20 (g) Adopt rules that prescribe ~~performance-based~~ standards of
21 qualification, preparation, training, or experience that are required for the
22 issuance of all licenses, master certificates, and authorizations, as
23 provided for in article 60.5 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22;

24 (h) Adopt rules that prescribe ~~performance-based~~ standards for
25 endorsements deemed appropriate for each type of license or
26 authorization;

27 (i) Utilize representatives from all levels of education in ~~the~~

1 ~~development of performance-based~~ DEVELOPING standards of
2 qualification, preparation, and experience for all licenses, master
3 certificates, authorizations, and endorsements;

4 (3) ~~On or before July 1, 2000,~~ The state board of education by rule
5 shall adopt ~~performance-based teacher licensure~~ BY RULE QUALITY
6 standards, ~~which~~ AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-9-103 (2.9), THAT at a
7 minimum ~~shall~~ MUST include a requirement that each candidate for an
8 initial teacher license ~~shall~~ have and be able to demonstrate the following
9 skills:

10 (4) In adopting the ~~performance-based teacher licensure~~ QUALITY
11 standards pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the state board shall
12 also adopt rules specifying the methods by which a teacher candidate may
13 demonstrate that ~~he or she~~ THE TEACHER CANDIDATE has achieved the
14 specified skills and the manner in which such demonstrations may be
15 documented for submission when the teacher candidate applies for
16 licensure.

17 (5) ~~(a) The state board shall review the content of educator~~
18 ~~preparation programs offered by institutions of higher education within~~
19 ~~the state. Such review must be designed to ensure that the content of each~~
20 ~~program is designed and implemented in a manner that will enable a~~
21 ~~candidate to meet the requirements specified by the state board pursuant~~
22 ~~to subsection (3) of this section and the requirements for licensure~~
23 ~~endorsement adopted by rule of the state board pursuant to section~~
24 ~~22-60.5-106. The state board shall recommend to the Colorado~~
25 ~~commission on higher education that a program be placed on conditional~~
26 ~~approval, be placed on probation, or not be approved pursuant to section~~
27 ~~23-1-121 if it determines that the program content does not meet the~~

1 requirements specified in subsection (3) of this section or the
2 endorsement requirements.

3 (b) Upon the request of a nonpublic institution that provides an
4 educator preparation program, the state board shall review the content of
5 the program to determine whether the program content is designed and
6 implemented in a manner that will enable a candidate to meet the
7 requirements specified by the state board of education pursuant to
8 subsection (3) of this section, and the requirements for licensure
9 endorsement adopted by rule of the state board pursuant to section
10 22-60.5-106. Upon completion of the review, the state board shall notify
11 the Colorado commission on higher education concerning whether the
12 program content meets said requirements.

13 (6) (a) ~~On or before January 1, 2003;~~ The state board of education
14 by rule shall adopt performance-based principal licensure BY RULE
15 QUALITY standards, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-9-103 (2.9), to guide the
16 development of principal preparation programs. ~~offered by institutions of~~
17 ~~higher education.~~ The state board of education shall develop ~~said~~ THE
18 standards in collaboration with institutions of higher education AND
19 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS that offer principal preparation programs, AND
20 superintendents and local boards of education. ~~and the commission on~~
21 ~~higher education.~~ The state board of education shall ensure that ~~said~~ THE
22 standards are consistent with national standards for principal preparation.
23 ~~Said~~ THE standards must include, but need not be limited to, the
24 following:

25 (7) (a) ~~Beginning with the 2006-07 school year and annually~~
26 ~~thereafter,~~ the state board shall direct the department to survey the
27 superintendents of the school districts of the state who employ principals

1 who hold a principal authorization or an initial principal license or who
2 obtain a professional principal license without first holding an initial
3 principal license and who are in their first three years of employment as
4 a principal. The department shall base the survey questions on the
5 performance-based principal licensure standards adopted by the state
6 board pursuant to subsection (6) of this section. The department shall
7 design the survey to solicit information by which to measure the quality
8 and effectiveness of principal preparation programs and other alternative
9 forms of principal preparation and to solicit information from
10 superintendents concerning the principal licensure standards.

11 (b) Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), the state board
12 shall submit annually to the education committees of the house of
13 representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, a written
14 summary report of the results of the survey conducted pursuant to
15 subsection (7)(a) of this section. In submitting the report, the state board
16 shall ensure that the report for the current year and the preceding year's
17 report, if one exists, are available to the education committees for
18 consideration at the biennial joint meeting held pursuant to section
19 22-60.5-116.5. The state board shall also submit the report annually to the
20 governor, the Colorado commission on higher education, and the
21 institutions of higher education that operate principal preparation
22 programs.

23 (c) The costs incurred by the department in implementing this
24 subsection (7) shall be paid from moneys appropriated from the educator
25 licensure cash fund created in section 22-60.5-112 (1).

26 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-112, **amend**
27 (1)(q)(I), (1)(q)(II), and (1)(q)(IV) as follows:

1 **22-2-112. Commissioner - duties - report - legislative**
2 **declaration.** (1) Subject to the supervision of the state board, the
3 commissioner has the following duties:

4 (q) (I) To assist the state board in reviewing the content of
5 educator preparation programs ~~offered by institutions of higher education~~
6 ~~within the state. In so doing, the commissioner shall direct the department~~
7 ~~to collaborate with the department of higher education to prepare~~ IN THE
8 STATE BY PREPARING an annual report on the effectiveness of educator
9 preparation programs.

10 (II) For purposes of this ~~paragraph (q)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(q), the
11 department shall use data collected from an educator in ~~his or her~~ THE
12 EDUCATOR'S first three years of placement as the educator of record.

13 (IV) The department shall ~~work collaboratively with educator~~
14 ~~preparation programs and the department of higher education and~~ make
15 the report prepared pursuant to this ~~paragraph (q)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(q)
16 available to the public on ~~its~~ THE DEPARTMENT'S website no later than
17 thirty days after ~~its~~ THE REPORT'S completion. The department shall share
18 the information with educator preparation programs to inform curriculum
19 and program improvements.

20 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-102, **amend**
21 (8)(a) and (20) as follows:

22 **22-60.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 60.5, unless the
23 context otherwise requires:

24 (8) (a) "Approved program of preparation" means a program of
25 study for preparation that is approved by the ~~Colorado commission on~~
26 ~~higher education~~ DEPARTMENT pursuant to ~~section 23-1-121, C.R.S.,~~
27 SECTION 22-60.5-121 and that upon completion leads to a

1 recommendation for licensure. ~~by an accepted institution of higher~~
2 ~~education.~~

3 (20) "State board of education" OR "STATE BOARD" means the state
4 board of education established by section 1 of article IX of the state
5 constitution.

6 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend**
7 22-60.5-116.5 as follows:

8 **22-60.5-116.5. Education committees - evaluation of educator**
9 **preparation programs - biennial joint meeting.** (1)(a) The EDUCATION
10 committees ~~on education~~ of the house of representatives and the senate,
11 or any successor committees, shall biennially hold a joint meeting to
12 assess the reports received concerning the effectiveness of the approved
13 educator preparation programs ~~offered by accepted institutions of higher~~
14 ~~education~~ in the state. ~~and the reports of the survey of superintendents~~
15 ~~conducted by the department of education and submitted by the state~~
16 ~~board of education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (7).~~

17 (b) At the meeting, the committees shall consider the reports on
18 the review of approved educator preparation programs received from ~~the~~
19 ~~Colorado commission on higher education pursuant to section 23-1-121~~
20 ~~(6), C.R.S.~~ THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-121. The
21 committees shall take testimony from ~~representatives of the institutions~~
22 ~~of higher education~~ ENTITIES that provide the educator preparation
23 programs, the state board of education, the Colorado commission on
24 higher education, and ~~from~~ any other interested persons. Based on the
25 review of ~~said~~ THE reports and any testimony received, the committees
26 shall assess whether the approved educator preparation programs are
27 adequately preparing candidates to meet the ~~performance-based educator~~

1 licensure QUALITY standards adopted by rule of the state board of
2 education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (3).

3 (c) At the meeting, ~~the committees shall consider the reports of~~
4 ~~the survey of superintendents conducted by the department of education~~
5 ~~and submitted by the state board of education pursuant to section~~
6 ~~22-2-109 (7). The committees shall take testimony from representatives~~
7 ~~of the institutions of higher education that provide the principal~~
8 ~~preparation programs, the state board of education, the Colorado~~
9 ~~commission on higher education, and from any other interested persons.~~
10 based on the review of ~~said~~ THE reports and any testimony received, the
11 committees shall assess whether the approved principal preparation
12 programs and alternative forms of principal preparation are adequately
13 preparing principal candidates to meet the ~~performance-based principal~~
14 licensure QUALITY standards adopted by rule of the state board of
15 education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (6).

16 (2) If the committees, based on the reports received from ~~the~~
17 ~~Colorado commission on higher education and~~ the state board of
18 education, determine that an approved educator preparation program is
19 not adequately preparing licensure candidates, the committees shall
20 instruct the Colorado commission on higher education to reduce the
21 funding received by the institution of higher education that provides the
22 approved educator preparation program during the next fiscal year. The
23 commission shall notify the committees of the amount of ~~said~~ THE
24 reduction prior to introduction of the annual general appropriation bill.

25 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-208.7,
26 **amend** (4) introductory portion as follows:

27 **22-60.5-208.7. Teacher of record program - rules -**

1 **authorization - definition.** (4) To assist the teacher of record in meeting
2 the ~~performance-based teacher licensure~~ QUALITY standards adopted by
3 the state board of education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (3), a teacher of
4 record program must include, at a minimum:

5 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-203, **amend**
6 (6) introductory portion as follows:

7 **22-60.5-203. Assessment of professional competencies -**
8 **multiple measures to assess professional competencies - rules.** (6) For
9 purposes of establishing minimum competency in a licensure
10 endorsement area, the state board of education shall establish minimum
11 course work standards that align with the ~~content~~ QUALITY standards
12 established by the state board of education pursuant to section 22-2-109
13 (3). Attainment of the minimum course work standards may be shown in
14 one of the following ways:

15 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-205, **amend**
16 (2)(c) and (2)(h) as follows:

17 **22-60.5-205. One-year and two-year alternative teacher**
18 **programs - standards and evaluation - duties of department - duties**
19 **of the state board of education - fees - legislative declaration.**
20 (2) Designated agencies are authorized to implement one-year alternative
21 teacher programs or two-year alternative teacher programs, which
22 two-year programs were formerly known as teacher in residence
23 programs, as follows:

24 (c) A designated agency that chooses to implement an alternative
25 teacher program may collaborate and contract with an ~~institution of~~
26 ~~higher education~~ ENTITY that provides an approved educator preparation
27 program. A contract entered into pursuant to this ~~paragraph (c)~~ shall

1 SUBSECTION (2)(c) MUST include, but need not be limited to, the provision
2 of educator preparation courses and subject matter courses as necessary
3 to comply with the educator preparation program requirements
4 established by the ~~Colorado commission on higher education pursuant to~~
5 ~~section 23-1-121, C.R.S.~~ DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION
6 22-60.5-121.

7 (h) An alternative teacher program ~~shall~~ MUST meet the
8 ~~performance-based teacher licensure~~ QUALITY standards adopted by the
9 state board of education pursuant to section 22-2-109 (3).

10 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-119.3, **amend**
11 (6)(c) as follows:

12 **22-2-119.3. Department of education - educator preparation**
13 **program students - record check - fee - definitions.** (6) As used in this
14 section, unless the context otherwise requires:

15 (c) "Educator preparation program" means an approved educator
16 preparation program as defined in ~~section 23-1-121~~ SECTION 22-60.5-121
17 (1)(b).

18 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-1-121.2
19 as follows:

20 **23-1-121.2. Department directive - educator preparation**
21 **pathways - public information.** By October 1, 2020, the department
22 shall post on the department website a description of each of the existing
23 programs and pathways that lead to teacher licensure, including
24 alternative teacher preparation programs AND TEACHER PREPARATION
25 PROGRAMS approved pursuant to article 60.5 of title 22, ~~teacher~~
26 ~~preparation programs approved pursuant to section 23-1-121~~, teacher
27 residency programs, student teacher programs, concurrent enrollment

1 programs, teacher cadet programs, grow your own educator programs
2 established pursuant to section 22-60.5-208.5, and the teaching fellowship
3 programs created pursuant to part 3 of article 78 of this title 23. The
4 department shall annually update the descriptions of programs and
5 pathways.

6 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-2-103.1, **amend**
7 (1)(b) and (1)(d); and **repeal** (1)(c) as follows:

8 **23-2-103.1. Commission - department - duties - limitation -**
9 **reciprocity.** (1) The commission shall:

10 (b) Grant or deny authorizations, renew authorizations, and revoke
11 authorizations pursuant to sections 23-2-103.3 and 23-2-103.4; AND

12 ~~(c) Establish the types and amounts of fees that a private college~~
13 ~~or university or seminary or religious training institution shall pay as~~
14 ~~required in section 23-2-104.5; and~~

15 (d) Establish policies to require private colleges and universities
16 and seminaries and religious training institutions to submit to the
17 department, upon request, data that is directly related to student
18 enrollment and degree completion and, if applicable, student financial aid
19 and educator preparation programs as described in ~~section 23-1-121~~
20 SECTION 22-60.5-121. The director of the commission and an employee
21 of the department of higher education shall not divulge or make known
22 in any way data for individual students or personnel, except in accordance
23 with judicial order or as otherwise provided by law. A person who
24 violates this subsection (1)(d) commits a class 2 misdemeanor and shall
25 be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501, and shall be removed or
26 dismissed from public service on the grounds of malfeasance in office.

27 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-2-104.5, **repeal**

1 (2) as follows:

2 **23-2-104.5. Fees - public hearing.** ~~(2) The commission may~~
3 ~~establish a fee to be paid to the department by a private college or~~
4 ~~university that is authorized pursuant to this article and that applies for~~
5 ~~approval of an educator preparation program pursuant to section 23-1-121~~
6 ~~The amount of the fee shall reflect the direct and indirect costs of the~~
7 ~~department in administering the provisions of section 23-1-121.~~

8 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-901, **amend**
9 (2)(a) as follows:

10 **23-3.3-901. Teach Colorado grant initiative created - award**
11 **of grants - legislative declaration.** (2) As used in this part 9, unless the
12 context otherwise requires:

13 (a) "Approved educator preparation program" means an approved
14 educator preparation program as defined in ~~section 23-1-121 (1)(a)~~
15 SECTION 22-60.5-121 (1)(b).

16 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-101, **amend**
17 (1) as follows:

18 **23-3.9-101. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, unless the context
19 otherwise requires:

20 (1) "Approved program of preparation" means a program of study
21 for preparation that is approved by the ~~Colorado commission on higher~~
22 ~~education~~ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION pursuant to ~~section 23-1-121~~
23 SECTION 22-60.5-121 and that upon completion leads to a
24 recommendation for licensure. ~~by an accepted institution of higher~~
25 ~~education in Colorado.~~

26 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-301, **amend**
27 (2) as follows:

1 **23-3.9-301. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, unless the context
2 otherwise requires:

3 (2) "Approved program of preparation" means an approved
4 educator preparation program, as defined in ~~section 23-1-121 (1)(a)~~
5 SECTION 22-60.5-121 (1)(b), including a preparation program for school
6 counselors, or an alternative teacher program, as defined in section
7 22-60.5-102 (6).

8 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-304, **amend**
9 (1) introductory portion as follows:

10 **23-3.9-304. Reporting requirements.** (1) The department shall
11 include the following data concerning the student educator stipend
12 program and the educator test stipend program in the annual report
13 required in ~~section 23-1-121 (6)(a)~~ SECTION 22-60.5-121 (5):

14 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.9-401, **amend**
15 (1) as follows:

16 **23-3.9-401. Definitions.** As used in this part 4, unless the context
17 otherwise requires:

18 (1) "Approved program of preparation" means a program of study
19 for preparation that is approved by the ~~Colorado commission on higher~~
20 ~~education~~ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION pursuant to ~~section 23-1-121~~
21 SECTION 22-60.5-121, including a preparation program for school
22 counselors or an alternative teacher program, as defined in section
23 22-60.5-102 (5), and that upon completion leads to a recommendation for
24 licensure. ~~by an accepted institution of higher education, as defined in~~
25 ~~section 22-60.5-102 (1).~~

26 **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-110, **amend**
27 (2) introductory portion as follows:

1 **23-60-110. Teaching career pathway - design.** (2) The teaching
2 career pathway must be aligned with the ~~performance-based teacher~~
3 ~~licensing~~ QUALITY standards adopted by the state board of education
4 pursuant to section 22-2-109 (3). In addition, the pathway must include
5 the following components:

6 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-76-102, **amend**
7 (2) as follows:

8 **23-76-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 76, unless the
9 context otherwise requires:

10 (2) "Educator preparation program" means an educator
11 preparation program approved by the ~~commission~~ DEPARTMENT OF
12 EDUCATION pursuant to ~~section 23-1-121~~ SECTION 22-60.5-121 and that
13 upon completion leads to a recommendation for licensure. ~~by an accepted~~
14 ~~institution of higher education in Colorado.~~

15 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-103, **amend**
16 (2) as follows:

17 **23-78-103. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, unless the context
18 otherwise requires:

19 (2) "Approved educator preparation program" means an educator
20 preparation program for teachers that the ~~commission on higher education~~
21 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION has reviewed pursuant to ~~section 23-1-121~~
22 SECTION 22-60.5-121 and determined meets the ~~performance-based~~
23 MINIMUM standards ~~established by the commission pursuant to section~~
24 ~~23-1-121~~ SET FORTH IN SECTION 22-60.5-121 (2) AND (3) and the
25 requirements of section 23-1-108.

26 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-104, **amend**
27 (2) as follows:

1 **23-78-104. Educator preparation program - best practices -**
2 **guidelines - report.** (2) The department of higher education and the
3 department of education shall jointly prepare a report concerning the
4 identified best practices, the adopted guidelines, and regulatory and
5 legislative recommendations to ensure that the policies and criteria for
6 reviewing and approving educator preparation programs pursuant to
7 ~~sections 22-2-109 (5),~~ SECTIONS 22-60.5-115 (2), 22-60.5-205 (3), and
8 ~~23-1-121~~ 22-60.5-121 align with the identified best practices and are
9 designed to determine the degree to which educator preparation programs
10 are implementing the best practices. On or before January 15, 2020, the
11 departments shall submit the report to the commission, the state board,
12 and the education committees of the house of representatives and the
13 senate, or any successor committees. To the extent necessary, the
14 commission shall amend its guidelines and the state board shall amend its
15 rules to align with the best practices.

16 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-303, **amend**
17 (2) as follows:

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

20 (2) "Approved educator preparation program" has the same
21 meaning as provided in ~~section 23-1-121~~ SECTION 22-60.5-121 (1)(b).

22 **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-78-307, **amend**
23 (2) introductory portion as follows:

24 **23-78-307. Department of higher education - review of**
25 **agreements - report.** (2) The department of higher education shall
26 review the annual report received concerning each teaching fellowship
27 program and submit an annual summary report to the state board of

1 education, the Colorado commission on higher education, the joint budget
2 committee of the general assembly, and the education committees of the
3 house of representatives and the senate, or any successor committees. The
4 department of higher education shall prepare and submit the summary
5 report annually, notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), as part of
6 the report required in ~~section 23-1-121 (6)~~ SECTION 22-60.5-121 (6). At
7 a minimum, the summary report must include:

8 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 23-1-121.

9 **SECTION 26. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
12 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
13 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
14 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
15 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
16 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.