

CHAPTER 95

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 24-1391

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AN ACT

CONCERNING EXTENDING THE CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE EDUCATOR LICENSURE CASH FUND.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-112, **amend** (1)(b) as follows:

22-60.5-112. Fees - fund - report - repeal. (1) (b) (I) Notwithstanding ~~any provision of subsection (1)(a) of this section to the contrary, for the 2011-12 fiscal year through the 2023-24 fiscal year~~ **2029-30 FISCAL YEAR**, the money in the cash fund is continuously appropriated to the department to offset the direct and indirect costs incurred by the state board of education and the department in administering this article 60.5. In each of the fiscal years, the general appropriation bill must, for informational purposes, reflect the estimated amount of expenditures, including any funding for personnel, from the cash fund.

(II) ~~Notwithstanding section 24-1-136(11), during each of the regular legislative sessions from 2012 through 2023-24~~ **ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2029**, the department shall report to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, and the joint budget committee of the general assembly concerning **THE REVENUE CREDITED TO, AND** expenditures from, the cash fund ~~and the department's progress in meeting the goal of reducing to six weeks or less the processing time for issuing or renewing an educator license~~ **AND SHALL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION WHETHER THE CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.**

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.

~~(III) For the 2011-12 fiscal year through the 2017-18 fiscal year, any persons hired to assist the department in reducing the processing time for issuing or renewing an educator license shall be independent contractors with the department, and the contracts for services shall not extend beyond June 30, 2018.~~

(IV) This subsection (1)(b) is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2024~~ JULY 1, 2031.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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