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HOUSE BILL 18-1332

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees  
Appropriations

Senate Committees  
Appropriations

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT  
102 COLLABORATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION INITIATIVES TO  
103 ADDRESS THE TEACHER SHORTAGE IN COLORADO, AND, IN  
104 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 4, 2018

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/>.)*

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 29, 2018

**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill creates in the department of higher education (department) the collaborative educator preparation grant program (grant program) to support joint initiatives among educator

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 28, 2018

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

preparation programs, alternative teacher programs, school districts, boards of cooperative services, and charter schools for preparing and placing educators. The department, working with the rural education coordinator, is directed to convene meetings of educator preparation programs, alternative teacher programs, school districts, boards of cooperative services, and charter schools to assist them in jointly preparing grant initiatives. The department must review the grant initiatives that are submitted and, taking into account specified criteria, select initiatives to receive one-time grants. Each grant recipient must report specified information to the department concerning the use of the grant money. The department must submit a report to the joint budget committee and the education committees of the general assembly concerning implementation of the grant program and whether it was successful in addressing the teacher shortage in the state. The grant program repeals July 1, 2021.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact,**  
3 **with amendments,** 23-1-120.9 as follows:

4 **23-1-120.9. Department directive - collaborative educator**  
5 **preparation grant program - created - reporting - legislative**  
6 **declaration - definitions - repeal.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS  
7 THAT, AFTER STUDYING THE TEACHER SHORTAGE ISSUE IN COLORADO, THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 EDUCATION CONCLUDED THAT ONE STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING THE ISSUE  
10 IS TO PROMOTE COLLABORATION AMONG EDUCATOR PREPARATION  
11 PROGRAMS, ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAMS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS,  
12 BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO FACILITATE  
13 MORE EFFECTIVE PREPARATION, PLACEMENT, AND RETENTION OF  
14 EDUCATORS. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS  
15 APPROPRIATE TO CREATE A GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT EDUCATOR  
16 PREPARATION PARTNERSHIPS INVOLVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION  
17 PROGRAMS, ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAMS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS,

1 BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE  
2 TARGETED EDUCATOR PREPARATION INITIATIVES THAT IMPROVE THE  
3 QUALITY AND APPLICABILITY OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND THE  
4 INTENTIONAL PLACEMENT OF NEWLY TRAINED EDUCATORS WITH SCHOOL  
5 DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

6 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
7 REQUIRES:

8 (a) "BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES" MEANS A BOARD OF  
9 COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5  
10 OF TITLE 22.

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12 (b) "EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM" MEANS AN APPROVED  
13 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-1-121 OR  
14 AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-60.5-102.

15 (c) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
16 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

17 (d) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL THAT DERIVES ITS  
18 SUPPORT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FROM MONEY RAISED BY A GENERAL  
19 STATE OR SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX AND INCLUDES A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL  
20 DISTRICT, A PUBLIC SCHOOL OPERATED BY A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE  
21 SERVICES, AND AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE  
22 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5  
23 OF TITLE 22.

24 (e) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZED  
25 AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO LAW BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE A LOCAL  
26 COLLEGE DISTRICT.

27 (3) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE COLLABORATIVE

1 EDUCATOR PREPARATION GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT  
2 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TARGETED EDUCATOR PREPARATION  
3 INITIATIVES BY PARTNERSHIPS OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS  
4 AND LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO PREPARE EDUCATORS SPECIFICALLY  
5 FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS.  
6 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
7 AWARD GRANTS TO PARTNERSHIPS OF LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND  
8 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS TO FUND EDUCATOR PREPARATION  
9 INITIATIVES DEVELOPED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (4) BEGINNING IN AUGUST OF 2018, THE DEPARTMENT, WORKING  
11 WITH THE RURAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO  
12 SECTION 23-76-103, SHALL CONVENE MEETINGS BETWEEN LOCAL  
13 EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS TO  
14 ASSIST THEM IN DEVELOPING JOINT, TARGETED EDUCATOR PREPARATION  
15 INITIATIVES TO SUBMIT FOR GRANT FUNDING. THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
16 CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER ENTITIES TO ASSIST LOCAL  
17 EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS IN  
18 DEVELOPING INITIATIVES. AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION INITIATIVE MAY  
19 INCLUDE BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING STRATEGIES:

20 (a) TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAMS DEVELOPED AND OPERATED  
21 JOINTLY BY AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AND A PARTNERING  
22 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER;

23 (b) PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE EDUCATOR PREPARATION FOR  
24 PARAPROFESSIONALS ALREADY EMPLOYED BY THE PARTNERING LOCAL  
25 EDUCATION PROVIDER OR FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED BY OR GRADUATING  
26 FROM THE PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER;

27 (c) PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT EDUCATOR PREPARATION

1 SPECIFICALLY FOR LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS IN RURAL AREAS OF THE  
2 STATE;

3 (d) THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT LONG-DISTANCE  
4 SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT FOR EDUCATOR CANDIDATES AND NEWLY  
5 LICENSED EDUCATORS;

6 (e) CREATION OF A DUAL LICENSURE PREPARATION PROGRAM TO  
7 PREPARE AN INDIVIDUAL TO MEET MULTIPLE NEEDS OF A PARTNERING  
8 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER; AND

9 (f) OTHER ACTIVITIES OR INITIATIVES TO ALIGN EDUCATOR  
10 PREPARATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WITH THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF  
11 THE PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS.

12 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THE GRANT INITIATIVES  
13 SUBMITTED BY PARTNERING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS AND  
14 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS, AND DEVELOPED AS PROVIDED IN  
15 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
16 APPROPRIATIONS, AWARD ONE-TIME GRANTS TO THE PARTNERING  
17 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS AND LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS.  
18 IN AWARDING GRANTS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER THE QUALITY  
19 OF THE INITIATIVE, THE LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY DEMONSTRATED BY THE  
20 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER IN ATTRACTING AND RETAINING EDUCATORS,  
21 THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE INITIATIVE WILL ASSIST THE LOCAL EDUCATION  
22 PROVIDER IN ATTRACTING AND RETAINING EDUCATORS TO ADDRESS  
23 PARTICULAR EDUCATOR SHORTAGES, THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE  
24 INITIATIVE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER STUDENTS OUTCOMES, AND THE  
25 PROVISIONS INCLUDED FOR CONTINUING THE INITIATIVE AFTER THE GRANT  
26 MONEY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

27 (6)(a) EACH PARTNERSHIP THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL SUBMIT

1 A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
2 GRANT INITIATIVE, WHICH MUST INCLUDE AT A MINIMUM:

3 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE STRATEGIES IMPLEMENTED USING THE  
4 GRANT MONEY;

5 (II) THE NUMBER OF EDUCATOR CANDIDATES AND NEWLY  
6 LICENSED EDUCATORS SERVED; AND

7 (III) AN EVALUATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE STRATEGIES IN  
8 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF PREPARATION, MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE  
9 PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, AND IMPROVING THE  
10 RETENTION OF EDUCATORS BY THE PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION  
11 PROVIDER, TO THE EXTENT SUCH INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

12 (b) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
13 PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE  
14 EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
15 SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, A REPORT CONCERNING THE  
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLABORATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION  
17 GRANT PROGRAM. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE  
18 INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS PURSUANT TO  
19 SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECT  
20 OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IN INCREASING EDUCATOR QUALITY AND  
21 EDUCATOR RETENTION AND IN REDUCING THE EDUCATOR SHORTAGE IN  
22 THE STATE.

23 (7) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE  
24 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. ANY  
25 UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY FROM THE APPROPRIATION  
26 MADE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR  
27 EXPENDITURE BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION

1 IN THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION.

2 (8) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

3 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2018-19 state fiscal year,  
4 \$2,000,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education. ■■■  
5 This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
6 department may use this appropriation for the collaborative educator  
7 preparation grant program created in section 23-1-120.9, C.R.S.

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