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HOUSE BILL 24-1387

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS CASH  
102 FUND.

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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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill clarifies that the department of early childhood (department) may use the remaining money annually appropriated from the preschool programs cash fund (fund) to provide additional preschool services for children who are in low-income families or who meet at least one qualifying factor and to provide services for the furtherance of the universal preschool program.

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.*

The bill prohibits the general assembly from appropriating the full balance of the fund prior to the start of a state fiscal year. The unappropriated balance in the fund is the reserve. The department may submit a request for a supplemental appropriation from the reserve to the joint budget committee.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-4-209, **amend**  
3 (3)(b) and (4) introductory portion, and **add** (5.5) as follows:

4 **26.5-4-209. Preschool programs cash fund - created - use -**  
5 **repeal.** (3) (b) The department ~~shall use money remaining in~~ MAY USE  
6 THE REMAINING MONEY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FROM the preschool  
7 programs cash fund after the uses described in subsection (3)(a) of this  
8 section to provide additional preschool services for children who are in  
9 low-income families or who meet at least one qualifying factor.

10 (4) In furtherance of the purposes set forth in subsection (3) of  
11 this section and to meet an expansion of preschool populations, in  
12 addition to the use described in subsection (3)(b) of this section, the  
13 department may use ~~money remaining in~~ the REMAINING MONEY  
14 ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS CASH fund  
15 after meeting the uses described in subsection (3)(a) of this section to  
16 ensure the availability of quality, voluntary preschool services provided  
17 through a mixed delivery system by means the department deems  
18 appropriate, including:

19 (5.5) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL NOT APPROPRIATE THE FULL  
20 BALANCE OF THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS CASH FUND PRIOR TO THE START  
21 OF A STATE FISCAL YEAR. THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE IN THE  
22 PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS CASH FUND AT THE START OF THE FISCAL YEAR IS  
23 THE RESERVE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A

1 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS CASH  
2 FUND RESERVE TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
3 2-3-208 (3)(a) AND (3)(b)(II).

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