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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission

BILL TOPIC: "Increasing Number Of CO Preschool Program Students"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING INCREASING THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN**
102 **THE COLORADO PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AS PRESCHOOL**
103 **STUDENTS.**

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://www.leg.state.co.us/bills/summaries>.)

Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission. The statute currently authorizes funding for 20,160 children to participate in the Colorado preschool program as half-time or full-time preschool students. In addition, the statute authorizes funding for 8,200

children as Colorado preschool program students or as full-day kindergarten students, when combined with a school district's other funding for kindergarten students. The bill funds an additional 3,000 children only as half-time or full-time preschool students.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-28-104, **amend**
3 (2) (a) (III); and **add** (2) (a) (IV) and (2) (a) (V) as follows:

4 **22-28-104. Establishment of public preschool programs.**

5 (2) (a) (III) For the 2008-09 budget year and each budget year thereafter
6 THROUGH THE 2013-14 BUDGET YEAR, twenty thousand one hundred sixty
7 children may annually participate in the Colorado preschool program.

8 (IV) FOR THE 2013-14 AND 2014-15 BUDGET YEARS, TWENTY
9 THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY CHILDREN, IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBER
10 OF CHILDREN AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 22-28-104.3, MAY ANNUALLY
11 PARTICIPATE IN THE COLORADO PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.

12 (V) FOR THE 2015-16 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH BUDGET YEAR
13 THEREAFTER, TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY CHILDREN,
14 IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AUTHORIZED IN SECTION
15 22-28-104.3, MAY ANNUALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE COLORADO PRESCHOOL
16 PROGRAM.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-28-104.3, **amend**
18 (1) (a) as follows:

19 **22-28-104.3. Early childhood at-risk enhancement (ECARE).**

20 (1) (a) ~~Notwithstanding~~ IN ADDITION TO the number of children who may
21 annually participate in the Colorado preschool program pursuant to
22 section 22-28-104 (2) (a):

23 (I) For the 2013-14 budget year, an additional three thousand two

1 hundred children may participate in the Colorado preschool program. for
2 a total of twenty-three thousand three hundred sixty children who may
3 participate in the Colorado preschool program for the 2013-14 budget
4 year.

5 (II) For the 2014-15 budget year and each budget year thereafter,
6 an additional ~~five~~ EIGHT thousand TWO HUNDRED children may annually
7 participate in the Colorado preschool program. for a total of twenty-eight
8 thousand three hundred sixty children who may annually participate in the
9 Colorado preschool program.

10 <{Rep. Pettersen: would you prefer a safety clause or a 90-day petition
11 clause?}>

