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SENATE BILL 15-235

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING INCREASING THE AMOUNT THAT THE GENERAL**
102 **ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE FOR THE CHILD NUTRITION**
103 **SCHOOL LUNCH PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION**
104 **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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/billsummaries>.)

Joint Budget Committee. Under current law, the general assembly may annually appropriate up to \$1,500,000 to the department of education to allow school food authorities to provide free lunches for

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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children enrolled in state-subsidized public preschool programs, kindergarten, or grades 1 through 5 who would otherwise be required to pay a reduced price for lunch. The bill increases the limit to \$2,500,000 for the 2014-15 budget year and budget years thereafter.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-82.9-105, **amend**
3 (1) as follows:

4 **22-82.9-105. Program funding - appropriation.** (1) The general
5 assembly shall annually appropriate by separate line item in the annual
6 general appropriation bill an amount of not less than eight hundred fifty
7 thousand dollars and not more than ~~one~~ TWO million five hundred
8 thousand dollars to the department to allow school food authorities to
9 provide lunches at no charge for children in state-subsidized early
10 childhood education programs administered by public schools or in
11 kindergarten through fifth grade, participating in the school lunch
12 program, who would otherwise be required to pay a reduced price for
13 lunch. The appropriation to the department for the program shall be in
14 addition to any appropriation made by the general assembly pursuant to
15 section 22-54-123 or 22-54-123.5 (1). The department may expend not
16 more than two percent of the moneys annually appropriated for the
17 program to offset the direct and indirect costs incurred by the department
18 in implementing the program pursuant to this article.

19 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2014-15 state fiscal year,
20 \$141,471 is appropriated to the department of education. This
21 appropriation is from the general fund. The department may use this
22 appropriation for the child nutrition school lunch protection program.

23 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2015-16 state fiscal year,

1 \$161,258 is appropriated to the department of education. This
2 appropriation is from the general fund. The department may use this
3 appropriation for the child nutrition school lunch protection program.

4 **SECTION 4. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
5 upon passage and applies to fiscal years beginning on or after July 1,
6 2014.

7 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.