

**First Regular Session
Sixty-sixth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

PREAMENDED

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee
Amendments Not Yet Adopted on Second Reading*

LLS NO. 07-0246.01 Michael Dohr

HOUSE BILL 07-1248

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Benfield, Massey, Buescher, McGihon, Riesberg, Roberts, and Todd

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Kester, Bacon, Williams, and Windels

House Committees

Education
Appropriations

Senate Committees

Education
Appropriations

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE TONY GRAMPAS YOUTH SERVICES**
102 **PROGRAM, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION**
103 **THEREWITH.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Creates the Colorado student before-and-after-school project ("project"), within the Tony Grampas youth services program, to provide funding for before-and-after-school programs primarily for youth enrolled in grades 6 through 8. Describes the types of before-and-after-school programs that qualify for funding. Directs the Tony Grampas youth services board to award the grants. Creates the Colorado student

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

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 28, 2007

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 26, 2007

before-and-after-school program fund ("fund"), and identifies the sources of moneys for the fund as gifts, grants, and donations and moneys collected from alcohol taxes.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 hereby finds that:

4 (a) A large percentage of Colorado students spend an average of
5 six hours without supervision before and after school due to a lack of
6 available before-and-after-school programs;

7 (b) Several studies show that violent juvenile crime is most likely
8 to occur in the afternoon hours, after school dismisses and before
9 students' parents arrive home from work, and that the odds that a child
10 will be a victim of violent crime more than triple during this time period;

11 (c) Studies also demonstrate that unsupervised children are three
12 times more likely to smoke, drink, or take drugs than their supervised
13 peers and that incidents of relatively low-level crimes, such as graffiti and
14 vandalism, increase dramatically among unsupervised youth;

15 (d) Several studies confirm that participation in youth
16 development programs before and after school not only provides youth
17 with necessary adult supervision but also significantly decreases youth
18 involvement in unhealthy and high-risk activities;

19 (e) In recent years, due to budgetary pressures at the state and
20 local levels, school districts have had to significantly reduce their
21 offerings of before-and-after-school programs, including athletics and
22 other extracurricular activities, and the state appropriations to fund
23 student dropout prevention and intervention programs at the state level
24 have been significantly decreased, resulting in a severe decrease in the

1 before-and-after-school program options available to parents whose
2 children need supervision during these hours.

3 (2) The general assembly therefore finds that creation of the
4 Colorado student before-and-after-school project in section 25-20.5-205,
5 Colorado Revised Statutes, to fund before-and-after-school youth
6 development programs is necessary to ensure the availability of effective
7 programs to provide necessary supervision for youth, reduce juvenile
8 criminal behavior, and help to ensure that the youth of the state become
9 healthy, mature, contributing members of society.

10 **SECTION 2.** Part 2 of article 20.5 of title 25, Colorado Revised
11 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
12 read:

13 **25-20.5-205. Colorado student before-and-after-school project**
14 **- creation - funding.** (1) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS
15 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

16 (a) "BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM
17 THAT MEETS BEFORE REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS OR AFTER REGULAR
18 SCHOOL HOURS OR DURING A PERIOD WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION.

19 (b) "FUND" MEANS THE COLORADO STUDENT
20 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROJECT FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (4)
21 OF THIS SECTION.

22 (c) "PROJECT" MEANS THE COLORADO
23 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROJECT CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS
24 SECTION.

25 (2) **Colorado student before-and-after-school project.** THERE
26 IS HEREBY CREATED, IN THE TONY GRAMPSAS YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM,
27 THE COLORADO STUDENT BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROJECT FOR THE

1 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANTS TO ENTITIES TO PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY
2 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE AN ALCOHOL OR
3 DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION COMPONENT. ENTITIES THAT
4 RECEIVE GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY THE GRANTS
5 TO CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
6 THAT PRIMARILY SERVE YOUTH ENROLLED IN GRADES SIX THROUGH EIGHT
7 OR YOUTH WHO ARE TWELVE TO FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE. THE
8 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS SHALL BE DESIGNED TO HELP
9 YOUTH DEVELOP THEIR INTERESTS AND SKILLS IN THE AREAS OF SPORTS
10 AND FITNESS, CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP, OR ARTS AND CULTURE AND
11 SHALL PROVIDE EDUCATION REGARDING THE DANGERS OF THE USE OF
12 ALCOHOL AND DRUGS. BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT ARE
13 DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO INCREASE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OR THAT
14 PROVIDE RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING
15 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

16 (3) **Administration.** (a) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE
17 PROJECT. THE BOARD SHALL SELECT THE ENTITIES THAT WILL RECEIVE
18 GRANTS THROUGH THE PROJECT AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT. IN
19 ADDITION, THE DIVISION SHALL MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
20 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVE MONEYS THROUGH
21 THE PROJECT. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS THROUGH THE PROJECT, AN
22 ENTITY SHALL APPLY TO THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMELINES
23 AND GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION
24 25-20.5-202. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART 2 OR ANY
25 CRITERIA FOR AWARDED GRANTS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO
26 SECTION 25-20.5-202 (2) (b) TO THE CONTRARY, AN ENTITY MAY BE
27 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION REGARDLESS

1 OF WHETHER THE BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM TO WHICH THE
2 GRANT WOULD APPLY SERVES YOUTH WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR
3 REDUCED-COST LUNCH PURSUANT TO THE "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH
4 ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.

5 (b) THE GRANTS AWARDED THROUGH THE PROJECT SHALL BE PAID
6 FROM MONEYS APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND TO THE DIVISION. THE
7 BOARD AND GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY MONEYS
8 AWARDED THROUGH THE PROJECT TO LEVERAGE ADDITIONAL FUNDING AS
9 MATCHING FUNDS FROM PRIVATE AND FEDERAL SOURCES.

10 (4) **Colorado student before-and-after-school project fund.**

11 THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE COLORADO
12 STUDENT BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROJECT FUND THAT SHALL
13 CONSIST OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY BY THE
14 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE FUND. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL
15 BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
16 THE DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN
17 THIS SECTION AND THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
18 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION. ANY MONEYS IN THE FUND NOT
19 EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION MAY BE INVESTED BY THE
20 STATE TREASURER AS PROVIDED BY LAW. ALL INTEREST AND INCOME
21 DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND
22 SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND. THE DIVISION MAY EXPEND UP TO TWO
23 PERCENT OF THE MONEYS ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND TO
24 OFFSET THE COSTS INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION. ANY
25 UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE FUND AT
26 THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT
27 BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANOTHER FUND.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27

SECTION 3. 25-20.5-201 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

25-20.5-201. Tony Grampsas youth services program - creation - standards - applications. (1) (b) The Tony Grampsas youth services program is established to provide state funding for community-based programs that target youth and their families for intervention services, INCLUDING THOSE STEMMING FROM YOUTH ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, in an effort to reduce incidents of youth crime and violence. In addition, the Tony Grampsas youth services program shall promote prevention and education programs that are designed to reduce the occurrence and reoccurrence of child abuse and neglect and to reduce the need for state intervention in child abuse and neglect prevention and education.

SECTION 4. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Colorado student before-and-after-school project fund created in section 25-20.5-205 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), and such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is further appropriated to the department of public health and environment, prevention services division, prevention partnerships, Tony Grampsas youth services program, for the Colorado student before-and-after school project. _____

SECTION 5. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

SECTION 6. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.