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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR
102 DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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.>)

Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission. Subject to the receipt of sufficient federal moneys or gifts, grants, or donations, the bill creates the early childhood educator development scholarship program (program) in the department of education (department). The program will provide scholarships to

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persons who are employed in early childhood development who are pursuing an associate of arts degree in early childhood education. The department will administer the program and develop rules for application to the program, the selection of recipients, and the amount of awards. The resources for the early childhood educator development scholarship fund will come from the federal race to the top and early learning challenge moneys and gifts, grants, and donations. The department will provide all recipients with a unique educator identifier.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY
3 THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE to read:

4 **ARTICLE 9.7**

5 **Early Childhood Educator Development**

6 **Scholarship Program**

7 **22-9.7-101. Early childhood educator development scholarship**
8 **program - creation - eligibility.** SUBJECT TO THE RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT
9 MONEYS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-9.7-103, THERE IS HEREBY CREATED
10 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR
11 DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, REFERRED TO IN THIS ARTICLE AS
12 THE "SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM", TO AWARD STIPENDS TO ASSIST PERSONS
13 EMPLOYED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN OFFSETTING THE COSTS
14 INCURRED IN OBTAINING AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE IN EARLY
15 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD STIPENDS ON
16 A NEED BASIS, BASED ON THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SECTION 22-9.7-102.
17 THE STIPENDS SHALL BE AWARDED ON A YEARLY BASIS, AND RECIPIENTS
18 SHALL REAPPLY EACH YEAR THAT THEY ARE ENROLLED IN THE ASSOCIATE
19 OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM. THE SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE PAID FROM ANY
20 MONEYS AVAILABLE IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT
21 SCHOLARSHIP FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-9.7-103.

1 **22-9.7-102. Scholarship program - rules - criteria for awards.**

2 (1) THE DEPARTMENT, BY RULE, SHALL ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES BY
3 WHICH A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A STIPEND THROUGH THE SCHOLARSHIP
4 PROGRAM. AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES SHALL SPECIFY THE INFORMATION
5 A PERSON SHALL SUBMIT AND THE DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING THE
6 APPLICATION.

7 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD STIPENDS TO AN APPLICANT
8 BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

9 (a) THE APPLICANT'S DEMONSTRATED DEGREE OF FINANCIAL NEED,
10 BASED ON THE RESOURCES OF THE APPLYING PERSON AND THE COST OF
11 THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT
12 REQUESTS A STIPEND;

13 (b) THE APPLICANT'S DEMONSTRATED DEGREE OF PROFESSIONAL
14 NEED;

15 (c) THE QUALITY OF THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM
16 FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT REQUESTS A STIPEND;

17 (d) THE APPLICANT'S COMMITMENT TO TEACH IN EARLY
18 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AFTER RECEIVING THE
19 ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE;

20 (e) THE APPLICANT'S CURRENT EMPLOYMENT IN AN EARLY
21 CHILDHOOD CAPACITY; AND

22 (f) ANY OTHER CRITERIA ADOPTED BY RULE OF THE DEPARTMENT
23 TO IDENTIFY APPLICANTS IN THE GREATEST NEED OF ASSISTANCE IN
24 OBTAINING A HIGH-QUALITY ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE TO IMPROVE
25 THEIR PERFORMANCE AS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS.

26 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SET THE AMOUNT OF EACH STIPEND
27 AWARDED BASED ON THE APPLICANT'S DEGREE OF NEED, THE COST OF THE

1 ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT
2 REQUESTS A STIPEND, THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD
3 EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE APPLICABLE
4 BUDGET YEAR, AND THE ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO WILL
5 APPLY TO THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE COURSE OF THE APPLICABLE
6 BUDGET YEAR.

7 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSIGN AN EDUCATOR IDENTIFIER
8 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-68.5-102 TO EACH RECIPIENT OF A STIPEND
9 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

10 **22-9.7-103. Early childhood educator development scholarship**

11 **fund - created.** (1) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT
12 ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE PAID
13 FOR BY THE RECEIPT OF ANY AVAILABLE FEDERAL MONEYS OR OTHER
14 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS AND THAT NO ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND
15 MONEYS BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT
16 PROGRAM.

17 (2) THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK AND ACCEPT ANY
18 FEDERAL MONEYS OR OTHER GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE
19 PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE. IF NECESSARY, ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR
20 DONATIONS SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER WHO
21 SHALL CREDIT THEM TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT
22 SCHOLARSHIP FUND, WHICH FUND IS HEREBY CREATED AND REFERRED TO
23 IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND".

24 (3) THE MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE CONTINUOUSLY
25 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS
26 ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE. ANY MONEYS IN THE
27 FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE MAY BE

1 INVESTED BY THE STATE TREASURER AS PROVIDED BY LAW. ALL INTEREST
2 AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEYS
3 IN THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED AND
4 UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A
5 FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR
6 TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANOTHER FUND.

7 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND UP TO ONE PERCENT OF THE
8 MONEYS ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND TO OFFSET THE COSTS
9 INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE.

10 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
11 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
13 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a
14 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
15 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
16 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
17 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
18 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official
19 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.