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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE
102 SERVICES AS LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES FOR PURPOSES OF
103 FEDERAL LAW.

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.)

The bill allows boards of cooperative services (BOCES) to act as local education agencies for the purposes of federal law, including for the receipt of federal grants. BOCES may apply to any division within the department of education, and all divisions must inform BOCES of and HOUSE Amended 2nd Reading March 1, 2013





allow them to apply for all federal and state grant moneys for which they are eligible.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 22-5-114.5 as 3 follows: 4 22-5-114.5. Designation as local education agency - rules. 5 (1) <u>ANY</u> BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES MAY ACT AS A LOCAL 6 EDUCATION AGENCY FOR A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OR CONSORTIUM OF 7 MEMBERS THAT CHOOSES TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, OR ADMINISTER A 8 GRANT THROUGH A GRANT PROGRAM CREATED BY A FEDERAL OR STATE 9 STATUTE OR PROGRAM. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT 10 APPLY TO FEDERAL FORMULA GRANT MONEYS UNLESS ALLOWED BY THE 11 "ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965", PUB.L. 12 89-10. 13 (2) A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES MAY APPLY TO THE 14 DEPARTMENT FOR FEDERAL OR STATE MONEYS RECEIVED BY THE 15 DEPARTMENT ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF TWO OR MORE OF THE BOCES 16 MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT HAVE EXPRESSLY AGREED TO 17 PARTICIPATE IN A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH A VOTE BY THE BOARD 18 OF DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES. IF A BOARD OF 19 COOPERATIVE SERVICES APPLIES FOR STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT MONEYS 20 ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPATING MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THE 21 PARTICIPATING MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY 22 FOR THE SAME STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT MONEYS. IF A PARTICIPATING 23 MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICT OF A BOCES EXPRESSLY DECLINES TO 24 PARTICIPATE IN A GRANT APPLICATION, THAT MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICT 25 IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM APPLYING FOR THE SAME STATE OR FEDERAL

1 GRANT MONEYS AS AN INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

2 (3) A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES MAY APPLY TO ANY 3 DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT FOR ANY FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT 4 MONEYS FOR WHICH IT IS ELIGIBLE. ALL DIVISIONS WITHIN THE 5 DEPARTMENT MUST TREAT BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES AS LOCAL 6 EDUCATION AGENCIES AND INFORM THEM OF AND ALLOW THEM TO APPLY 7 FOR ALL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT MONEYS FOR WHICH THEY ARE 8 ELIGIBLE. 9 (4) AN ELIGIBLE GRANTEE OR CONSORTIUM OF GRANTEES MAY 10 DESIGNATE A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES AS THE FISCAL MANAGER 11 FOR A STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT. THE GRANTEE OR CONSORTIUM OF 12 GRANTEES REMAINS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL THE 13 REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT ARE MET. 14 (5) THE STATE BOARD MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO ESTABLISH 15 PROCESSES AND GUIDELINES FOR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES TO 16 APPLY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT MONEYS PURSUANT TO THIS 17 SECTION. 18 **SECTION 2.** Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediatepreservation of the public peace, health, and safety.