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HOUSE BILL 15-1024

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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/billsummaries>.)

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

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.

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
24 hundred children may participate in the Colorado preschool program. ~~for~~

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

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

9 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.