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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101      **CONCERNING CREATION OF THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY**  
102           **GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE STUDENT**  
103           **DROPOUT RATE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ADDING A**  
104           **LINE TO COLORADO STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN**  
105           **FORMS WHEREBY INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS MAY MAKE**  
106           **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DROPOUT PREVENTION**  
107           **ACTIVITY GRANT FUND.**

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**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 dropout prevention activity grant program ("program")

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.*

to fund before- and after-school arts-based and vocational activity programs, with the goal of reducing the student dropout rate. Requires that for income tax years commencing on and after January 1, 2005, but before January 1, 2008, a voluntary contributor designation line for the program shall appear on individual income tax forms. Repeals the requirement for the voluntary contribution designation line, effective January 1, 2008, unless the general assembly adopts a bill to continue the designation line in the preceding regular session.

Restricts the program to public schools that include any of grades 6 through 12 ("qualified school"). Directs a qualified school that seeks funding for an arts-based or vocational activity program to apply to the board of education of the school district in which the qualified school is located ("district board") for permission to apply to the department for a grant. If the district board grants permission, directs the qualified school to submit an application to the department of education ("department") in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education ("state board").

Directs the state board to promulgate rules for implementation of the program. Directs the department to review each grant application received and to make recommendations to the state board regarding the awarding of program grants. Establishes a priority and minimum considerations for awarding program grants. Requires the state board to award program grants in any year that moneys are received in the dropout prevention activity grant fund ("fund").

Requires the department annually to notify school districts of the amount of money credited to the fund. Creates the fund, identifies the source of moneys for the fund as moneys received through the voluntary tax contribution and any gifts, grants, or donations received by the department for implementation of the program. Authorizes the department to accept gifts, grants, and donations, and allows the department to keep up to 2% of the moneys annually appropriated from the fund to offset the administrative costs incurred in implementing the program. Directs the general assembly annually to appropriate from the fund to the department of revenue an amount equal to the department of revenue's costs incurred in administering the voluntary contributions to the fund.

Requires each qualified school that receives a program grant to report to the department, for each year in which it receives a grant, specified information concerning the arts-based or vocational activity program and the number of participating students. Directs the department to submit an annual report to the education committees of the general assembly and to the governor concerning the program, the arts-based and vocational activity programs that receive funding, the number of students that participate in the programs, and the dropout rates for the qualified schools that receive grants.



1 ADDITION TO ENSURING A STUDENT HAS THE NECESSARY SKILLS IN  
2 READING, WRITING, AND MATHEMATICS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN A CAREER,  
3 EDUCATING A STUDENT SHOULD INCLUDE PROVIDING THE STUDENT THE  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE AND PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE RANGE OF  
5 ARTISTIC AND VOCATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO ALLOW THE STUDENT TO  
6 DISCOVER HIS OR HER TALENTS AND BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE.

7 (e) A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR  
8 SCHOOLS TO SPONSOR BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN THE  
9 ARTS AND IN VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS WILL HAVE THE COMBINED BENEFITS  
10 OF PROVIDING A WIDER RANGE OF ARTS AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION,  
11 EXPOSING STUDENTS TO A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES IN MUSIC,  
12 DANCE, CREATIVE WRITING, THEATER, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND OTHER VISUAL  
13 ARTS, ASSISTING STUDENTS IN OBTAINING SKILLS IN A WIDE VARIETY OF  
14 VOCATIONS, ENABLING STUDENTS TO DISCOVER THEIR ARTISTIC AND  
15 VOCATIONAL TALENTS, AND PROVIDING GREATER INCENTIVES FOR SOME  
16 STUDENTS TO STAY IN SCHOOL.

17 **22-27.5-102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE  
18 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

19 (1) "ARTS-BASED ACTIVITY PROGRAM" MEANS A BEFORE- OR  
20 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH AN  
21 OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT AND PARTICIPATE IN AN ARTS-BASED  
22 ACTIVITY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THEATER, MUSIC, DANCE,  
23 CREATIVE WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHY, CERAMICS, SCULPTURE, PAINTING,  
24 AND ANY OTHER FORM OF VISUAL ARTS.

25 (2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
26 CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115, C.R.S.

27 (3) "DISTRICT BOARD" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF

1 EDUCATION CREATED PURSUANT TO LAW.

2 (4) "DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM" OR  
3 "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED PURSUANT TO  
4 SECTION 22-27.5-103 TO FUND BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL ARTS-BASED  
5 AND VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX  
6 THROUGH TWELVE.

7 (5) "FUND" MEANS THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT  
8 FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-27.5-105.

9 (6) "QUALIFIED SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL, INCLUDING  
10 BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CHARTER SCHOOL, THAT SERVES ANY OF GRADES  
11 SIX THROUGH TWELVE.

12 (7) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
13 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE  
14 CONSTITUTION.

15 (8) "VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM" MEANS A BEFORE- OR  
16 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH AN  
17 OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND DEVELOP SKILLS IN A VARIETY OF  
18 VOCATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CARPENTRY, PLUMBING,  
19 WELDING, CULINARY ARTS, FLORAL DESIGN, AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE,  
20 AND HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT.

21 **22-27.5-103. Dropout prevention activity grant program -**  
22 **created - applications.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A GRANT  
23 PROGRAM TO FUND BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL ARTS-BASED AND  
24 VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES  
25 SIX THROUGH TWELVE. THE GOAL IN FUNDING ARTS-BASED AND  
26 VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS IS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF  
27 STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL PRIOR TO GRADUATION.

1 A QUALIFIED SCHOOL, WITH THE APPROVAL OF ITS DISTRICT BOARD, MAY  
2 APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES AND TIME  
3 LINES ADOPTED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD, TO RECEIVE MONEYS  
4 THROUGH THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM. THE  
5 DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN  
6 THIS ARTICLE AND PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD.

7 (2) IN ANY YEAR IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE NOTIFIES  
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT MONEYS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED  
9 FOR THE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-22-2802, C.R.S., OR IN WHICH  
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECEIVES OTHER GIFTS, GRANTS, OR  
11 DONATIONS FOR THE FUND, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL  
12 NOTIFY THE DISTRICT BOARDS, IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY RULE OF THE  
13 STATE BOARD, OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE FUND  
14 AND AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE NOTICE  
15 MAY ALSO SPECIFY THE TIME AND PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR A GRANT  
16 FROM THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM. EACH  
17 DISTRICT BOARD SHALL FORWARD THE NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED SCHOOLS  
18 OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

19 (3) (a) A QUALIFIED SCHOOL THAT CHOOSES TO SEEK A GRANT  
20 THROUGH THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM SHALL  
21 NOTIFY ITS DISTRICT BOARD, SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT REQUESTED AND  
22 DESCRIBING THE ARTS-BASED OR VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR  
23 WHICH THE GRANT WOULD BE USED. THE DISTRICT BOARD SHALL  
24 CONSIDER THE QUALIFIED SCHOOL'S REQUEST AND EITHER APPROVE OR  
25 DISAPPROVE THE QUALIFIED SCHOOL'S APPLICATION. IF THE DISTRICT  
26 BOARD APPROVES THE APPLICATION, THE QUALIFIED SCHOOL SHALL APPLY  
27 TO THE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES AND USING

1 THE APPLICATION FORM SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD, FOR A  
2 GRANT THROUGH THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM.

3 (b) EACH DISTRICT BOARD SHALL ADOPT POLICIES SPECIFYING THE  
4 TIME FRAMES DURING WHICH A QUALIFIED SCHOOL MAY REQUEST AN  
5 DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT AND THE PROCEDURE FOR THE  
6 REQUEST. THE DISTRICT BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT ITS POLICIES ARE  
7 COORDINATED WITH THE RULES OF THE STATE BOARD TO ALLOW A  
8 QUALIFIED SCHOOL TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
9 RULES OF THE STATE BOARD.

10 (c) A QUALIFIED SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH THE  
11 DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM SHALL USE THE MONEYS  
12 RECEIVED TO PROVIDE ARTS-BASED OR VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS  
13 ONLY TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE.

14 **22-27.5-104. Dropout prevention activity grant program - rules**  
15 **- awarding grants.** (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES IN  
16 ACCORDANCE WITH THE "STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT",  
17 ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S., FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
18 DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM. AT A MINIMUM, THE  
19 RULES SHALL SPECIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR A GRANT, THE  
20 FORM OF THE GRANT APPLICATION, THE INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY  
21 THE APPLICANT, AND THE CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS.

22 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW EACH GRANT APPLICATION  
23 RECEIVED FROM A QUALIFIED SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-27.5-103  
24 AND SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD CONCERNING  
25 WHETHER THE GRANT SHOULD BE AWARDED AND THE AMOUNT OF THE  
26 GRANT. IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES AN APPLICATION IS MISSING ANY  
27 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RULES TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE

1 APPLICATION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTACT THE QUALIFIED SCHOOL TO  
2 OBTAIN THE MISSING INFORMATION. IN MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS,  
3 IN ADDITION TO ANY CRITERIA IDENTIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD,  
4 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

5 (a) GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM  
6 QUALIFIED SCHOOLS AT WHICH A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THE STUDENT  
7 ENROLLMENT ARE MINORITY STUDENTS OR STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR  
8 FREE OR REDUCED-COST LUNCH PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
9 FEDERAL "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.;

10 (b) CONSIDER THE DROPOUT RATE AT THE APPLYING QUALIFIED  
11 SCHOOL FOR THE PRECEDING THREE YEARS, WITH THE GOAL OF FUNDING  
12 ARTS-BASED AND VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS AT QUALIFIED  
13 SCHOOLS THAT EXPERIENCE A CONSISTENTLY HIGH DROPOUT RATE;

14 (c) CONSIDER THE FORMAT OF THE ARTS-BASED OR VOCATIONAL  
15 ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR WHICH FUNDING IS REQUESTED AND DETERMINE  
16 THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS  
17 WHO WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, AND THE QUALITY OF THE  
18 PARTICIPATORY EXPERIENCE OFFERED, WITH THE GOAL OF FUNDING  
19 ARTS-BASED AND VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE A  
20 LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DIRECTLY  
21 PARTICIPATE IN AND EXPERIENCE AN ARTS-BASED OR VOCATIONAL  
22 ACTIVITY;

23 (d) CONSIDER WHETHER THE ARTS-BASED OR VOCATIONAL  
24 ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR WHICH FUNDING IS REQUESTED INCLUDES A  
25 PARTNERING RELATIONSHIP WITH BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITY OR A  
26 COMPONENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, WITH THE GOAL OF FUNDING THOSE  
27 ARTS-BASED AND VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS THAT DEMONSTRATE



1 A CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL AND PROVIDE  
2 A BENEFIT TO THAT COMMUNITY.

3 (3) IN EACH YEAR IN WHICH MONEYS ARE CREDITED TO THE FUND,  
4 THE STATE BOARD SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO APPLYING QUALIFIED  
5 SCHOOLS THROUGH THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT  
6 PROGRAM. THE STATE BOARD SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE  
7 RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION TO  
8 ANY CRITERIA ADOPTED BY RULE, THE STATE BOARD IN AWARDING GRANTS  
9 SHALL APPLY THE PRIORITY AND CONSIDERATIONS SPECIFIED IN  
10 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. A GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS  
11 ARTICLE SHALL BE VALID FOR ONE YEAR.

12 **22-27.5-105. Dropout prevention activity grant fund - created**  
13 **- administrative costs.** (1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE  
14 TREASURY THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT FUND. THE FUND  
15 SHALL CONSIST OF MONEYS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
16 39-22-2803, C.R.S., AND ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS RECEIVED BY  
17 THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
18 SECTION. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL  
19 APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE DIRECT AND  
20 INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DROPOUT  
21 PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

22 (b) ANY MONEYS IN THE FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
23 THIS ARTICLE MAY BE INVESTED BY THE STATE TREASURER AS PROVIDED  
24 BY LAW. ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT AND  
25 DEPOSIT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND. ANY  
26 UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE FUND AT  
27 THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE

1 CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANOTHER FUND.

2 (2) THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK AND ACCEPT GIFTS,  
3 GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE  
4 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT  
5 PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FUNDS  
6 RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS SHALL BE  
7 TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE SAME TO  
8 THE FUND.

9 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND UP TO TWO PERCENT OF THE  
10 MONEYS ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND TO OFFSET THE DIRECT  
11 AND INDIRECT COSTS INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING THE DROPOUT  
12 PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

13 (4) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
14 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 39-22-2803, C.R.S., SHALL ANNUALLY  
15 APPROPRIATE FROM THE FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AN  
16 AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
17 REVENUE IN ADMINISTERING MONEYS DESIGNATED AS CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
18 THE FUND.

19 **22-27.5-106. Dropout prevention activity programs - report.**

20 (1) EACH QUALIFIED SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES A DROPOUT PREVENTION  
21 ACTIVITY PROGRAM GRANT SHALL, IN EACH YEAR THAT IT RECEIVES THE  
22 GRANT, REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT A DESCRIPTION OF THE ARTS-BASED  
23 OR VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM AND THE PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED  
24 THROUGH THE PROGRAM AND AN INDICATION OF THE NUMBER OF  
25 STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM.

26 (2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2007, AND ON OR BEFORE  
27 JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT

1 TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND  
2 THE SENATE AND TO THE GOVERNOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM  
3 THE PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR:

4 (a) THE NUMBER AND AMOUNTS OF DROPOUT PREVENTION  
5 ACTIVITY PROGRAM GRANTS AWARDED;

6 (b) A DESCRIPTION OF THE ARTS-BASED AND VOCATIONAL  
7 ACTIVITY PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVED GRANTS;

8 (c) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE  
9 ARTS-BASED AND VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVED  
10 GRANTS; AND

11 (d) THE STUDENT DROPOUT RATES OF THE QUALIFIED SCHOOLS  
12 THAT RECEIVED DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY PROGRAM GRANTS.

13 **SECTION 2.** Article 22 of title 39, Colorado Revised Statutes,  
14 is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:

15 PART 28

16 DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

17 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

18 **39-22-2801. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS THAT:

20 (a) THE DROPOUT RATE OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE  
21 STATE IS UNACCEPTABLY HIGH, AND THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL  
22 HEALTH OF THE STATE REQUIRES THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FIND ADDITIONAL  
23 WAYS TO PRODUCTIVELY ENGAGE STUDENTS IN EDUCATION AND THEREBY  
24 REDUCE THE DROPOUT RATE.

25 (b) THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION CURTAILS THE STATE'S  
26 ABILITY TO FUND PUBLIC EDUCATION. THE RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDING  
27 AND THE PRESSURES PLACED ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO TEACH THE CORE

1 CURRICULA OF READING, WRITING, AND MATHEMATICS HAVE FORCED  
2 SCHOOLS TO REDUCE THEIR CLASS OFFERINGS IN THE ARTS AND IN  
3 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

4 (c) STUDENTS DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER THEIR  
5 TALENTS THROUGH EXPOSURE TO A WIDE VARIETY OF ARTS AND  
6 VOCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THEATER, MUSIC, DANCE, CREATIVE  
7 WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHY, CERAMICS, SCULPTURE, PAINTING, CARPENTRY,  
8 WELDING, AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE, FLORAL DESIGN, AND CULINARY  
9 ARTS. PARTICIPATION IN ARTS-BASED AND VOCATIONAL  
10 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WILL ENABLE MANY STUDENTS TO RAISE  
11 THEIR SELF-ESTEEM, INCREASE MANY STUDENTS' COMMITMENT TO  
12 EDUCATION, AND PERSUADE STUDENTS TO CHOOSE TO STAY IN SCHOOL  
13 THROUGH GRADUATION AND, IN SOME CASES, TO CONTINUE ON TO HIGHER  
14 EDUCATION.

15 (d) THE RESULTS OF RECENT STATEWIDE AND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
16 ELECTIONS SUGGEST THAT MANY COLORADO CITIZENS WOULD BE WILLING  
17 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN REDUCING THE STUDENT  
18 DROPOUT RATE BY PROVIDING STUDENTS A WIDER EXPOSURE TO THE ARTS  
19 AND TO VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE USE OF BEFORE- AND  
20 AFTER-SCHOOL ARTS-BASED AND VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS.

21 (2) IT IS THEREFORE THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN  
22 ENACTING THIS PART 28 TO PROVIDE THOSE COMMITTED AND CONCERNED  
23 COLORADO CITIZENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FINANCIALLY ASSIST PUBLIC  
24 SCHOOLS IN REDUCING THE STUDENT DROPOUT RATE THROUGH FUNDING  
25 BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL ARTS-BASED AND VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY  
26 PROGRAMS.

27 **39-22-2802. Voluntary contribution designation - procedure.**

1 FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2005,  
2 BUT PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2008, THE COLORADO STATE INDIVIDUAL  
3 INCOME TAX RETURN FORM SHALL CONTAIN A LINE WHEREBY EACH  
4 INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER MAY DESIGNATE THE AMOUNT OF THE  
5 CONTRIBUTION, IF ANY, THE INDIVIDUAL WISHES TO MAKE TO THE  
6 DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
7 22-27.5-105, C.R.S.

8 **39-22-2803. Contributions credited to the dropout prevention**  
9 **activity grant fund.** THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL DETERMINE  
10 ANNUALLY THE TOTAL AMOUNT DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
11 39-22-2802 AND SHALL REPORT THAT AMOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
12 EDUCATION, THE STATE TREASURER, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE  
13 STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT THAT AMOUNT TO THE DROPOUT  
14 PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-27.5-105,  
15 C.R.S. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE ANNUALLY FROM  
16 THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
17 REVENUE ITS COSTS OF ADMINISTERING MONEYS DESIGNATED AS  
18 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND. ALL MONEYS CREDITED TO THE FUND,  
19 AFTER SUBTRACTING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 REVENUE, SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN SECTION  
21 22-27.5-105, C.R.S.

22 **39-22-2804. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 28 IS REPEALED,  
23 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009, UNLESS THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO  
24 THE DROPOUT PREVENTION ACTIVITY GRANT FUND ESTABLISHED BY  
25 SECTIONS 39-22-2802 AND 39-22-2803 IS CONTINUED OR REESTABLISHED  
26 BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTING BY BILL DURING THE FIRST REGULAR  
27 SESSION OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. PRIOR TO OR DURING

1 THE SESSION, THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE IN EACH HOUSE OF THE  
2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL HOLD A HEARING REGARDING THE POSSIBLE  
3 TERMINATION, CONTINUATION, OR REESTABLISHMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY  
4 CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PART 28.

5 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01  
6 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after  
7 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting  
8 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state  
9 constitution (August 10, 2005, if adjournment sine die is on May 11,  
10 2005); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an  
11 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,  
12 section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of  
13 the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the  
14 governor.