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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE STUDY OF AN EDUCATION SYSTEM RANGING FROM  
102 PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION, AND, IN  
103 CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A LEGISLATIVE  
104 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL COUNCIL.

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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.)*

**Interim Committee on School Finance.** Finds and declares the importance and necessity of a legislative oversight committee to work with a special council to study education issues associated with pre-kindergarten through higher education. Creates a legislative

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.*

oversight committee ("committee") to oversee the work of the special council ("P-16 council"). Specifies membership and identifies duties of the committee.

Creates the P-16 council for continued examination of an integrated system of education from pre-kindergarten through higher education. Specifies membership and identifies duties of the P-16 council, including issues to be studied.

Creates a P-16 cash fund.

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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 88**

5 **P-16 Education Study**

6 **22-88-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS THAT:

8 (a) NO SINGLE FACTOR IS MORE CRITICAL TO COLORADO'S  
9 ECONOMIC VITALITY AND DEVELOPMENT THAN THE EDUCATION OF ITS  
10 CITIZENS;

11 (b) A PERSON'S EDUCATION LEVEL IS A DEMONSTRATED INDICATOR  
12 OF THE PERSON'S FUTURE INCOME. THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS  
13 REPORTS THAT A POSTSECONDARY DEGREE IS THE MAIN SOURCE OF  
14 PREPARATION FOR FORTY-NINE OF THE FIFTY HIGHEST-PAYING  
15 OCCUPATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY.

16 (c) SKILL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION PROVIDES A  
17 QUALIFIED AND PRODUCTIVE WORKFORCE, AND A POOL OF  
18 WELL-EDUCATED WORKERS IS THE PRIMARY FACTOR IN ATTRACTING AND  
19 RETAINING HIGH-SKILL, HIGH-WAGE INDUSTRIES;

20 (d) AN EDUCATED, WELL-PAID POPULATION SUPPORTS HIGHER  
21 STATE AND LOCAL TAX BASES, SPENDS MONEY THROUGHOUT THE STATE,

1 AND CONTRIBUTES TO A SUPERIOR QUALITY OF LIFE IN COMMUNITIES  
2 ACROSS THE STATE;

3 (e) BY MODERNIZING AND INVESTING IN AN EDUCATION SYSTEM  
4 DESIGNED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES THAT CONFRONT THE STATE,  
5 COLORADO CAN BETTER ATTRACT EMPLOYERS, BRING NEW WEALTH INTO  
6 THE STATE, BENEFIT INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES, AND ENHANCE THE  
7 QUALITY OF LIFE STATEWIDE; AND

8 (f) COLORADO MUST DEVELOP THE VISION AND CONVICTION TO  
9 BUILD AND SUSTAIN A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT PRODUCES  
10 GRADUATES WHO RANK WITH THE WORLD'S BEST IF COLORADO IS TO  
11 PROSPER IN THE FUTURE.

12 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT:

13 (a) TO FOSTER A UNIFIED FOCUS ON RAISING STUDENT  
14 ACHIEVEMENT AND TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO REACH  
15 THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL, COLORADO SHOULD ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE  
16 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND A SPECIAL COUNCIL TO STUDY THE CREATION  
17 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED, SEAMLESS SYSTEM OF  
18 EDUCATION STRETCHING FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH HIGHER  
19 EDUCATION, REFERRED TO AS A "P-16 EDUCATION SYSTEM";

20 (b) A P-16 EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT IS ALIGNED AT EVERY  
21 CRITICAL TRANSITION POINT BUILDS ON THE EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS  
22 CURRENTLY IN PLACE AND ALLOWS A STUDENT TO MOVE THROUGH  
23 PROGRESSIVELY MORE COMPLEX MATERIALS AT THE STUDENT'S NATURAL  
24 PACE RATHER THAN ACCORDING TO AGE OR SEAT TIME;

25 (c) A P-16 EDUCATION SYSTEM WITH CLEAR EXPECTATIONS,  
26 ALIGNED CURRICULA, AND STRONG SUPPORT SERVICES LEADS TO BETTER  
27 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND REDUCED NEEDS FOR REMEDIATION AT ALL

1 GRADE LEVELS;

2 (d) A FULLY FUNCTIONING P-16 EDUCATION SYSTEM EXPANDS  
3 ACCESS TO EARLY LEARNING FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE  
4 AND IMPROVES THEIR READINESS FOR KINDERGARTEN; FOSTERS GREATER  
5 COLLABORATION AMONG EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS AT ALL GRADE  
6 LEVELS; ALIGNS STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM ACROSS GRADE LEVELS;  
7 PROMOTES WIDESPREAD PARENT, COMMUNITY, AND STUDENT  
8 UNDERSTANDING OF GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS; SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES  
9 THE AMOUNT OF POSTSECONDARY REMEDIAL WORK REQUIRED; AND  
10 LOWERS DROPOUT RATES IN SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS;  
11 AND

12 (e) THE BENEFITS OF A P-16 EDUCATION SYSTEM WILL LEAD TO  
13 HIGHER EDUCATION LEVELS FOR COLORADO CITIZENS FROM ALL INCOME  
14 AND ETHNIC GROUPS. HIGHER EDUCATION LEVELS, IN TURN, ARE  
15 ASSOCIATED WITH GREATER EMPLOYMENT STABILITY AND CIVIC  
16 ENGAGEMENT, AS WELL AS DECREASES IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND CRIME  
17 RATES.

18 (3) THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE  
19 COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAVE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS  
20 INDICATING THAT COOPERATION AMONG EDUCATORS AND  
21 ADMINISTRATORS AT ALL TRANSITION POINTS IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM  
22 IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURE PROPER PREPARATION OF STUDENTS FOR HIGHER  
23 EDUCATION AND A FULFILLING CAREER IN THE FUTURE. EXPERTS IN  
24 HIGHER EDUCATION, KINDERGARTEN-THROUGH-TWELFTH-GRADE  
25 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREE UPON THE NEED TO  
26 CREATE AN INTEGRATED, SEAMLESS P-16 EDUCATION SYSTEM.

27 (4) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT IT IS

1 NECESSARY TO CREATE A LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND A  
2 SPECIAL COUNCIL, KNOWN AS THE P-16 COUNCIL, CHARGED WITH  
3 STUDYING THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED  
4 SYSTEM OF EDUCATION STRETCHING FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH  
5 HIGHER EDUCATION.

6 **22-88-102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE  
7 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8 (1) "COMMITTEE" MEANS THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT  
9 COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-88-103.

10 (2) "P-16 COUNCIL" MEANS THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT  
11 TO SECTION 22-88-104 TO STUDY THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
12 AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF EDUCATION STRETCHING FROM  
13 PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION.

14 **22-88-103. Legislative oversight committee - creation - duties.**

15 (1)(a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
16 TO STUDY THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED  
17 SYSTEM OF EDUCATION STRETCHING FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH  
18 HIGHER EDUCATION.

19 (b) THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF SIX MEMBERS. THE  
20 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, THE  
21 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE MINORITY LEADER  
22 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE  
23 COMMITTEE, AS FOLLOWS:

24 (I) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT TWO SENATORS  
25 TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE, AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE  
26 SHALL APPOINT ONE SENATOR TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE;

27 (II) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL

1 APPOINT TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE, AND THE  
2 MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL APPOINT  
3 ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.

4 (c) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL SELECT THE FIRST CHAIR  
5 OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES SHALL SELECT THE FIRST VICE-CHAIR. THE CHAIR AND  
7 VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL ALTERNATE ANNUALLY  
8 THEREAFTER BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES. THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF  
9 THE COMMITTEE MAY ESTABLISH SUCH ORGANIZATIONAL AND  
10 PROCEDURAL RULES AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE  
11 COMMITTEE.

12 (d) A VACANCY OCCURRING IN A COMMITTEE POSITION APPOINTED  
13 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL BE FILLED  
14 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITY. IN  
15 ADDITION, AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY MAY REMOVE AND REPLACE AN  
16 APPOINTMENT MADE TO THE P-16 COUNCIL PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b)  
17 OF THIS SUBSECTION (1).

18 (e) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-2-307,  
19 C.R.S., THE COMMITTEE MAY RECEIVE PAYMENT OF PER DIEM AND  
20 REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES AUTHORIZED  
21 PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION AND ANY OTHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT COSTS  
22 ASSOCIATED WITH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE SET FORTH IN THIS  
23 ARTICLE ONLY FROM MONEYS APPROPRIATED FROM THE P-16 CASH FUND  
24 CREATED IN SECTION 22-88-106.

25 (II) THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
26 AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES MAY  
27 SUPPLY STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE AS THEY DEEM

1 APPROPRIATE, WITHIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS. IF STAFF ASSISTANCE  
2 IS NOT AVAILABLE WITHIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS, THEN THE DIRECTOR  
3 OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
4 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES MAY SUPPLY STAFF ASSISTANCE  
5 TO THE TASK FORCE ONLY IF MONEYS ARE CREDITED TO THE P-16 CASH  
6 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-88-106 IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO FUND  
7 STAFF ASSISTANCE.

8 (2) (a) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2006, THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET  
9 AT LEAST ONCE. BEGINNING IN 2006 AND CONTINUING EACH YEAR  
10 THEREAFTER, THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST THREE TIMES EACH  
11 YEAR AND AT SUCH OTHER TIMES AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY.

12 (b) THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT  
13 OF THE P-16 COUNCIL. THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE  
14 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2007, AND ON OR  
15 BEFORE EACH JANUARY 15 THEREAFTER. THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL  
16 SUMMARIZE ISSUES CONCERNING A P-16 EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT HAVE  
17 BEEN CONSIDERED AND ANY RECOMMENDED LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS. IN  
18 ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES  
19 THAT SHALL BE TREATED AS BILLS RECOMMENDED BY AN INTERIM  
20 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF ANY INTRODUCTION  
21 DEADLINES OR BILL LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE JOINT RULES OF THE  
22 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

23 **22-88-104. P-16 council - creation - membership - duties -**  
24 **repeal.** (1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A P-16 COUNCIL TO STUDY  
25 THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF  
26 EDUCATION STRETCHING FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGHER  
27 EDUCATION. THE P-16 COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF NO MORE THAN

1 TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION,  
2 KINDERGARTEN-THROUGH-TWELFTH-GRADE EDUCATION, THE BUSINESS  
3 COMMUNITY, AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, APPOINTED AS PROVIDED IN  
4 PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1).

5 (b) THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL  
6 APPOINT MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

7 (I) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE STATE BOARD OF  
8 EDUCATION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

9 (II) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE COLORADO COMMISSION  
10 ON HIGHER EDUCATION;

11 (III) FIVE MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SELECTED  
12 FROM RURAL AND URBAN DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

13 (IV) TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE TEACHERS OR PRINCIPALS IN  
14 COLORADO;

15 (V) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS COLORADO CHARTER  
16 SCHOOLS;

17 (VI) FIVE MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT HIGHER EDUCATION IN  
18 COLORADO, INCLUDING ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A RESEARCH  
19 INSTITUTION, ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A STATE COLLEGE, AND ONE  
20 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM;

21 (VII) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE  
22 ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS;

23 (VIII) TWO MEMBERS FROM ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO  
24 IMPROVE EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL READINESS, INCLUDING ONE  
25 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOL READINESS  
26 COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION 26-6-304, C.R.S.;

27 (IX) THREE MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1 INTERESTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND

2 (X) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE  
3 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.

4 (c) A VACANCY OCCURRING IN A POSITION APPOINTED BY THE  
5 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b)  
6 OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL BE FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY THE  
7 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
8 LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1). IN  
9 ADDITION, THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE MAY REMOVE  
10 AND REPLACE ANY APPOINTMENT TO THE P-16 COUNCIL MADE PURSUANT  
11 TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1).

12 (d) IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE P-16 COUNCIL, THE CHAIR  
13 AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL ENSURE THAT THE  
14 MEMBERSHIP OF THE P-16 COUNCIL REFLECTS THE ETHNIC, CULTURAL,  
15 AND GENDER DIVERSITY OF THE STATE AND INCLUDES REPRESENTATION  
16 OF ALL AREAS OF THE STATE.

17 (2) THE P-16 COUNCIL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDYING THE  
18 CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF  
19 EDUCATION STRETCHING FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGHER  
20 EDUCATION. THE P-16 COUNCIL SHALL SPECIFICALLY CONSIDER, BUT  
21 NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

22 (a) STRATEGIES FOR CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP AMONG  
23 SOCIOECONOMIC GROUPS;

24 (b) RAISING ACADEMIC STANDARDS;

25 (c) ALIGNING KINDERGARTEN-THROUGH-TWELFTH-GRADE  
26 CURRICULUM WITH HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS;

27 (d) IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY;

1 (e) STRATEGIES TO HELP STUDENT TRANSITIONS FROM ONE LEVEL  
2 OF LEARNING TO THE NEXT; AND

3 (f) ANY OTHER ISSUES CONCERNING EDUCATION FROM  
4 PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE, AS WELL  
5 AS POST-GRADUATE WORK, THAT ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE P-16  
6 COUNCIL'S WORK.

7 (3) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2007, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH  
8 AUGUST 1 THEREAFTER, THE P-16 COUNCIL SHALL ORALLY PROVIDE  
9 GUIDANCE AND MAKE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
10 COMMITTEE FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT OF REPORTS AND LEGISLATIVE  
11 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MODIFICATION OF THE  
12 KINDERGARTEN-THROUGH-TWELFTH-GRADE AND HIGHER EDUCATION  
13 SYSTEMS IN COLORADO. IN ADDITION, THE P-16 COUNCIL SHALL:

14 (a) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2006, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH  
15 AUGUST 1 THEREAFTER, SELECT A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR FROM AMONG  
16 ITS MEMBERS;

17 (b) MEET AT LEAST SIX TIMES EACH YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THE  
18 FIRST MEETING, OR MORE OFTEN AS DIRECTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE  
19 COMMITTEE;

20 (c) COMMUNICATE WITH AND OBTAIN INPUT FROM GROUPS  
21 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN  
22 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION;

23 (d) CREATE SUBCOMMITTEES AS NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE  
24 DUTIES OF THE P-16 COUNCIL. THE SUBCOMMITTEES MAY CONSIST, IN  
25 PART, OF PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE P-16 COUNCIL. SUCH  
26 PERSONS MAY VOTE ON ISSUES BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE BUT SHALL  
27 NOT BE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT MEETINGS OF THE P-16 COUNCIL.

1 (e) SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE  
2 OCTOBER 1, 2006, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER,  
3 THAT, AT A MINIMUM, SPECIFIES:

4 (I) ISSUES TO BE STUDIED IN UPCOMING P-16 COUNCIL MEETINGS  
5 AND A PRIORITIZATION OF THOSE ISSUES;

6 (II) FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ISSUES OF  
7 PRIOR CONSIDERATION BY THE P-16 COUNCIL;

8 (III) LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS OF THE P-16 COUNCIL THAT  
9 IDENTIFY THE POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED, THE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR  
10 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHANGES, AND THE FUNDING SOURCES  
11 REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

12 (4) MEMBERS OF THE P-16 COUNCIL SHALL SERVE WITHOUT  
13 COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

14 (5) (a) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

15 (b) PRIOR TO SAID REPEAL, THE P-16 COUNCIL SHALL BE REVIEWED  
16 AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 2-3-1203, C.R.S.

17 **22-88-105. Committee funding - staff support.** (1) THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE  
19 P-16 COUNCIL, IS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND CONTRIBUTIONS,  
20 GRANTS, SERVICES, AND IN-KIND DONATIONS FROM ANY PUBLIC OR  
21 PRIVATE ENTITY FOR ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
22 THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE P-16 COUNCIL SET FORTH IN THIS  
23 ARTICLE.

24 (2) THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,  
25 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, THE  
26 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
27 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY SUPPLY STAFF ASSISTANCE TO

1 THE COMMITTEE AND THE P-16 COUNCIL AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE  
2 WITHIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS. IF STAFF ASSISTANCE IS NOT  
3 AVAILABLE FROM A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY WITHIN EXISTING  
4 APPROPRIATIONS, THEN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT  
5 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, THE DIRECTOR  
6 OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
7 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES MAY SUPPLY STAFF ASSISTANCE  
8 TO THE COMMITTEE AND THE P-16 COUNCIL ONLY IF MONEYS ARE  
9 CREDITED TO THE P-16 CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-88-106 IN AN  
10 AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO FUND STAFF ASSISTANCE. THE COMMITTEE AND  
11 THE P-16 COUNCIL MAY ALSO ACCEPT STAFF SUPPORT FROM THE PRIVATE  
12 SECTOR.

13 **22-88-106. P-16 cash fund.** (1) ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FUNDS  
14 RECEIVED THROUGH GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND DONATIONS PURSUANT  
15 TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO  
16 SHALL CREDIT THE SAME TO THE P-16 CASH FUND, WHICH FUND IS HEREBY  
17 CREATED AND REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND". THE  
18 MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY  
19 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS  
20 ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ARTICLE. ALL MONEYS  
21 IN THE FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE MAY BE  
22 INVESTED BY THE STATE TREASURER AS PROVIDED BY LAW. ALL INTEREST  
23 AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEYS  
24 IN THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED AND  
25 UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A  
26 FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR  
27 TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANOTHER FUND.

1           (2) COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 22-88-103 (1) (e) (I)  
2           AND 22-88-105 (2) FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FOR  
3           STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE AND THE P-16 COUNCIL PROVIDED  
4           BY THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE  
5           DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES SHALL BE  
6           APPROVED BY THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND PAID BY  
7           VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS DRAWN AS PROVIDED BY LAW FROM MONEYS  
8           APPROPRIATED FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND ALLOCATED TO THE LEGISLATIVE  
9           COUNCIL FROM THE FUND.

10           **SECTION 2.** 2-3-1203 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
11           amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

12           **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees.** (3) The  
13           following dates are the dates for which the statutory authorization for the  
14           designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

15           (cc) JULY 1, 2016: THE P-16 COUNCIL ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
16           22-88-104, C.R.S.

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