

**JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE BILL**

**SUMMARY OF H.B. 09-1189:  
Concerning per pupil funding for education programs that report their pupil enrollment counts to the facility schools unit in the department of education**

Prime Sponsors: Representative Pommer and Senator Tapia

**Bill Summary**

This bill clarifies that educational programs provided by certain state agencies (i.e., the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind and the Mental Health Institutes) may continue to receive per pupil funding under the "Public School Finance Act of 1994". This bill also changes the date for these state agencies and facility schools to report pupil enrollment.

Specifically, this bill makes the following changes:

- **Section 1** eliminates the definitions for "approved facility school" and "facility" that were added to the School Finance Act through H.B. 08-1388, and instead ensures consistency by simply referencing the definitions that appear in the Facility Schools Unit provisions added through H.B. 08-1204.

Adds a definition for "state program" to the section of the School Finance Act concerning funding for facility schools. Clarifies that state programs shall be funded in the same manner as approved facility schools, and may receive funding from the State Education Fund.

Changes the date by which facility schools and state programs are to submit pupil enrollment from November 10 to October 5. This earlier date allows school districts to avoid counting those students who are receiving services through state programs.

- **Sections 2 through 4** make conforming amendments.

**Fiscal Impact**

Two bills passed last Session, H.B. 08-1204 and H.B. 08-1388, repealed language requiring school districts to include in their enrollment counts students who are receiving educational services through facility schools or state programs. While these bills added language