

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

	April 15, 2025
Chair of Committee	Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1320 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Education Committee Report, dated April 7, 2025, page 3,  
2 strike line 18 and substitute:

3 "~~hundred fifty million~~ ONE BILLION dollars.

4 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-103, **add**  
5 (1.5)(e) as follows:

6 **22-54-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 54, unless the  
7 context otherwise requires:

8 (1.5) (e) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1.5), A PUPIL'S  
9 ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH MAY BE DEMONSTRATED  
10 BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION THROUGH AN APPLICATION  
11 FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL  
12 "RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
13 1751 ET SEQ. OR COLORADO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMONSTRATION  
14 PROJECT OPERATED PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1758 (b)(15) FOR DIRECT  
15 CERTIFICATION FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING BENEFITS THROUGH  
16 MEDICAID."."

17 Page 3 of the report, after line 20 insert:

18 "Page 10 of the bill, line 19, strike "(3)" and substitute "(3), (13)(b.5),".

19 Page 4 of the report, strike line 12 and insert:

20 "WHICHEVER IS THE GREATER PERCENTAGE.

21 (13) **District size factor funding.** (b.5) FOR PURPOSES OF  
22 SUBSECTION (13)(b)(I) THROUGH (13)(b)(VI) OF THIS SECTION, A  
23 DISTRICT'S FUNDED PUPIL COUNT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF  
24 PUPILS, ON THE PUPIL ENROLLMENT COUNT DAY WITHIN THE APPLICABLE  
25 BUDGET YEAR, THE NUMBER OF PUPILS ENROLLED IN, ATTENDING, AND  
26 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN A MULTI-DISTRICT ONLINE SCHOOL, AS

1   DEFINED IN SECTION 22-30.7-102, CREATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 30.7  
2   OF THIS TITLE 22."

3   Page 4 of the report, after line 25 insert:

4   "Page 20 of the printed bill, strike lines 23 through 27 and substitute:  
5   (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(b), and (12); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

6               **22-54-104.6. Implementation of at-risk measure - legislative**  
7   **declaration - definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) The general assembly finds  
8   and declares that implementing ~~a new~~ AN IMPROVED at-risk measure for  
9   identifying students who are at risk of below-average academic  
10   performance because of socioeconomic disadvantages or poverty will  
11   benefit Colorado students by:

12           (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly to ~~create a~~  
13   ~~working group convened by the commissioner of education to determine~~  
14   ~~how to construct and implement the new~~ CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE THE  
15   CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE at-risk measure for use in  
16   the state's public school funding formula.

17           (1.5) (a) IN ORDER TO ACCOUNT FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE AT-RISK  
18   OF BELOW-AVERAGE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND EDUCATION  
19   OUTCOMES BECAUSE OF SOCIOECONOMIC DISADVANTAGES OR POVERTY,  
20   BUT WHO MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE LUNCH, THE  
21   DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL COLLECT DATA NECESSARY TO  
22   IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL STUDENT CENSUS BLOCK GROUPS.

23           (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
24   STATE BOARD MAY PROMULGATE RULES THAT DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT  
25   OF EDUCATION TO SUSPEND THE COLLECTION OF DATA PURSUANT TO  
26   SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE COLLECTED DATA INDICATES  
27   THAT THE STUDENT POPULATION IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) OF  
28   THIS SECTION IS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE AT-RISK STUDENT  
29   POPULATION THAT IS IDENTIFIED THROUGH FREE AND REDUCED PRICE  
30   LUNCH AND DIRECT CERTIFICATION. THE STATE BOARD MAY ALSO  
31   PROMULGATE RULES THAT DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
32   RE-START THE COLLECTION OF DATA PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.5)(a)  
33   OF THIS SECTION, AFTER A SUSPENSION OF DATA COLLECTION.

34           (12) Subsections ~~(4) to (11)~~ (2) TO (11.7) of this section are  
35   repealed, effective July 1, 2025."

36   Strike page 21 of the bill.

37   Page 22 of the bill, strike lines 1 through 4."

38   Page 4 of the report, line 28, strike "(2)(d)(I)" and substitute "(2)(d)(I);

- 1 and **add** (7)".
- 2 Page 4 of the report, line 31, strike "- **definition.**" and substitute "-  
3 **definition - report.**".
- 4 Page 5 of the report, line 3, strike "2025-26" and substitute "2024-25".
- 5 Page 5 of the report, strike lines 8 through 12 and substitute "STATE  
6 FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER".
- 7 Page 5 of the report, line 13, strike "2025-26" and substitute "2024-25".
- 8 Page 5 of the report, line 18, strike "2026," and substitute "2025,".
- 9 Page 6 of the report, after line 27 insert:  
10 "(7) IN ITS BUDGET REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE JOINT BUDGET  
11 COMMITTEE EACH NOVEMBER 1, THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND  
12 BUDGETING SHALL REPORT THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WAS CREDITED  
13 TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND FOR THE PRIOR STATE FISCAL YEAR  
14 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE JOINT BUDGET  
15 COMMITTEE MUST CONSIDER THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WAS  
16 CREDITED TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND AND WHETHER TO  
17 CONTINUE CREDITING MONEY TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND  
18 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.".
- 19 Amend printed bill, page 22, before line 5 insert:
- 20 "**SECTION 7. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,  
21 \$7,009,989 is appropriated to the department of education. This  
22 appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17 (4)(a)  
23 of article IX of the state constitution. To implement this act, the  
24 department may use this appropriation for at-risk supplemental aid.
- 25 **SECTION 8. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**  
26 (1) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general  
27 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of  
28 education are adjusted as follows:
- 29 (a) The cash funds appropriation from the state education fund  
30 created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution for state  
31 share of districts' total program funding is decreased by \$16,135,769;
- 32 (b) The cash funds appropriation from the state education fund  
33 created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution for at-  
34 risk per pupil additional funding is decreased by \$5,000,000; and
- 35 (c) The cash funds appropriation from public school capital

1 construction assistance fund created in section 22-43.7-104 (1), C.R.S.,  
2 for public school capital construction assistance board - cash grants is  
3 decreased by \$45,648,087."

4 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

5 Page 1 of the bill, line 101, strike "SCHOOLS." and substitute "SCHOOLS,  
6 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN  
7 APPROPRIATION."

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