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HOUSE BILL 18-1396

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Education Appropriations

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING CREATION OF AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE
102	GRANT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND, IN
103	CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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://leg.colorado.gov.)

Advanced placement courses are offered to high school students and reflect the information found in a college-level course. Students taking such courses have the option to take an advanced placement exam following completion of the course. Some colleges, including all state institutions in Colorado pursuant to Colorado commission on higher

education policy, offer credit based on a student's advanced placement exam score. Students who take an advanced placement exam must pay an exam fee.

The bill creates the advanced placement exam fee grant program (grant program) in the department of education. The grant program provides funds to high schools to reduce or eliminate the advanced placement exam fee for low-income students.

I	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add article 95.5 to
3	title 22 as follows:
4	ARTICLE 95.5
5	Advanced Placement Exam Fee Grant Program
6	22-95.5-101. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 95.5, UNLESS
7	THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
8	(1) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
9	CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115.
10	(2) "ELIGIBLE STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A HIGH
11	SCHOOL WHO IS A LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUAL, AS DEFINED IN $20U.S.C.$ Sec.
12	6537, AND WHO IS PLANNING TO TAKE ONE OR MORE ADVANCED
13	PLACEMENT EXAMS.
14	(3) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM
15	FEE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-95.5-102.
16	(4) "HIGH SCHOOL" MEANS ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT SERVES
17	GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE AND HAS ONE OR MORE STUDENTS WHO
18	PLAN TO TAKE AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM.
19	(5) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
20	CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE
21	STATE CONSTITUTION.
22	22-95.5-102. Advanced placement exam fee grant program -

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1	creation - rules. (1) There is created in the department the
2	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE
3	NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO TAKE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS
4	AND RECEIVE SCORES FOR WHICH COLLEGE ACADEMIC CREDIT IS AWARDED
5	BY PROVIDING FUNDS TO HIGH SCHOOLS TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF
6	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEES ON BEHALF OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.
7	(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM IN
8	ACCORDANCE WITH STATE BOARD RULES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:
9	(a) ACCEPT AND REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM
10	HIGH SCHOOLS;
11	(b) DETERMINE THE AMOUNT, BASED ON AVAILABLE
12	APPROPRIATIONS, THAT WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH ADVANCED
13	PLACEMENT EXAM THAT WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT;
14	AND
15	(c) AWARD GRANTS, AT THE AMOUNT SET FOR EACH EXAM THAT
16	WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT, DETERMINED PURSUANT
17	TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION, TO EACH HIGH SCHOOL THAT HAS
18	SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION.
19	(3) THE AMOUNT SET BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR EACH ADVANCED
20	PLACEMENT EXAM PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION
21	MUST BE THE SAME FOR EACH EXAM, REGARDLESS OF THE SUBJECT OF THE
22	EXAM.
23	(4) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
24	PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM, INCLUDING
25	RULES RELATING TO:
26	(a) THE APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING APPLICATION
27	REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES;

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1	(b) A PROCESS FOR VERIFYING STUDENT ELIGIBILITY; AND
2	(c) DEADLINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO AWARD GRANTS.
3	(5) A HIGH SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES AN AWARD PURSUANT TO THIS
4	SECTION SHALL USE THE ENTIRE AMOUNT AWARDED TO PAY ALL OR A
5	PORTION OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEES ON BEHALF OF ELIGIBLE
6	STUDENTS WHO WILL TAKE AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM IN THE
7	AMOUNT SET FOR EACH EXAM BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO
8	SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION.
9	22-95.5-103. Reporting requirements. IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT
10	BEFORE THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE PURSUANT
11	TO SECTION 2-7-203, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION
12	DESCRIBING THE GRANTS AWARDED THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM
13	DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR.
14	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-95-102, amend
15	(3)(d) as follows:
16	22-95-102. Advanced placement incentives pilot program -
17	creation - administration - teacher incentives. (3) Regardless of the
18	outcome of the advanced placement exams taken, for each student who
19	completes an advanced placement class and who subsequently takes the
20	advanced placement exam, the department shall distribute to the rural
21	school five hundred dollars to be used for:
22	(d) Paying the advanced placement exam fee for each student who
23	takes the advanced placement exam and participates in the school lunch
24	program, unless the exam fee is covered by a STATE OR federal grant
25	program; and
26	SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2018-19 state fiscal year,
27	\$554,869 is appropriated to the department of education. This

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appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that the department will require an additional 0.3 FTE. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the advanced placement exam fee grant program created in section 22-95.5-102 (1), C.R.S.

SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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