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**HOUSE BILL 26-1027**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND, IN**  
102         **CONNECTION THEREWITH, PERMITTING A RETIREE TO WORK AS**  
103         **AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE**  
104         **SERVICES WITHOUT LOSING RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND**  
105         **CLARIFYING BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES ELIGIBILITY**  
106         **FOR POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS FUNDING.**

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**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>.)*

The bill adds a board of cooperative services (BOCES) executive

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*

*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

director to the list of individuals covered by the public employees' retirement association (PERA) who may be employed in specified education-related positions under certain circumstances with no change in their PERA retirement benefits.

The bill amends the definition of "local education provider" in the "Public School Finance Act of 2025" applicable to postsecondary and workforce readiness funding to include BOCES that do not operate schools.

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1     *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-51-1101, **amend**  
3     (1.9)(a)(I), (1.9)(a)(II)(B), (1.9)(a)(II)(C), and (1.9)(h); and **add** (1.9)(k)  
4     as follows:

5           **24-51-1101. Employment after service retirement - report -**  
6           **definitions - repeal.**

7           (1.9)(a)(I) Subject to subsection (1.9)(h) of this section, a service  
8     retiree who is a superintendent; a principal; a teacher; a school bus driver;  
9     a school food services cook; a school nurse; **or** a paraprofessional, as  
10    defined in section 22-60.3-201; **OR A BOCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**, and  
11    is hired pursuant to subsection (1.9)(b) of this section by an employer in  
12    the school division of the association that satisfies the criteria specified  
13    in subsection (1.9)(a)(II) of this section may receive salary without  
14    reduction in benefits for any length of employment in a calendar year if  
15    the service retiree has not worked for an employer, as defined in section  
16    24-51-101 (20), during the month of the effective date of retirement. A  
17    service retiree described in this subsection (1.9)(a) who works for an  
18    employer, as defined in section 24-51-101 (20), during the month of the  
19    effective date of retirement is subject to a reduction in benefits as  
20    provided in section 24-51-1102 (2).

21           (II) The provisions of this subsection (1.9) apply only if:



1 paraprofessional's, OR BOCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR's date of retirement.

2 (k) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1.9), UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
3 OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "BOCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS AN  
4 INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION  
5 OF A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES.

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-202, **amend**  
7 (4) as follows:

8 **22-54-202. Definitions.**

9 As used in this part 2, unless the context otherwise requires:

10 (4) "Local education provider" means a school district, a charter  
11 school authorized by a school district pursuant to part 1 of article 30.5 of  
12 this title 22, a charter school authorized by the state charter school  
13 institute pursuant to part 5 of article 30.5 of this title 22, or a board of  
14 cooperative services created and operating pursuant to article 5 of this  
15 title 22. ~~that operates one or more public schools.~~

16 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
19 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
20 institutions.