

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

	April 29, 2025
Chair of Committee	Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

SB25-315 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 18, after "WORKFORCE." add
- 2 "THEREFORE, MAINTAINING GUARANTEED TRANSFER PATHWAYS AND
- 3 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND
- 4 COLLEGES IS BENEFICIAL TO STUDENTS IN COLORADO AND TO THE STATE
- 5 AS A WHOLE."
- 6 Page 5, after line 22 insert:
- 7 "(3) "JOHN W. BUCKNER POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE
- 8 READINESS INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM" OR "INNOVATION GRANT
- 9 PROGRAM" MEANS THE JOHN W. BUCKNER POSTSECONDARY AND
- 10 WORKFORCE READINESS INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN
- 11 SECTION 22-54-204."
- 12 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 13 Page 6, strike lines 3 through 6.
- 14 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 15 Page 10, strike lines 8 through 11 and substitute "(5) THE DEPARTMENT
- 16 MAY NOT USE".
- 17 Page 10, line 17, strike "**Postsecondary**" and substitute "**John W.**
- 18 **Buckner postsecondary**".
- 19 Page 10, line 19, after "THE" insert "JOHN W. BUCKNER".
- 20 Page 11, line 10, strike "INCLUDE:" and substitute "INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT

- 1 LIMITED TO:".
- 2 Page 20, line 6, strike "2027," and substitute "2028,".
- 3 Page 33, line 20, after "PROGRAM." insert "FOR THE 2025-26 BUDGET
4 YEAR, OF THE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT
5 SUCCESS PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND AN AMOUNT THAT IS
6 NECESSARY TO OFFSET THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS INCURRED IN
7 ADMINISTERING POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS START-UP
8 FUNDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-203.".
- 9 Page 35, strike lines 25 through 27.
- 10 Page 36, strike lines 1 through 10.
- 11 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 12 Page 37, after line 9 insert:
- 13 **"SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-91-104, **amend**
14 **(1), (4), and (5)(a) as follows:**
- 15 **22-91-104. School counselor corps grant program - application**
16 **- criteria - grant awards - rules.** (1) An education provider seeking a
17 grant from the program ~~shall~~ MUST submit an application to the school
18 counselor corps advisory board existing within the department in
19 accordance with the rules adopted by the state board. The school
20 counselor corps advisory board shall review each grant application
21 received and make recommendations to the department ~~and state board~~
22 concerning whether a grant should be awarded to the education provider
23 and the recommended amount of the grant. If the school counselor corps
24 advisory board determines an application is missing any information
25 required by rule to be included with the application, the school counselor
26 corps advisory board may contact the education provider to obtain the
27 missing information.
- 28 (4) The department ~~and the state board~~ shall consult with experts
29 in the area of school counseling, including, but not limited to, school
30 counselors, persons who provide education and professional development
31 in the areas of school counseling and career counseling, and higher
32 education admissions officers, in establishing any additional criteria for
33 awarding grants and in reviewing applications and selecting grant
34 recipients.
- 35 (5) (a) Subject to available appropriations, the ~~state board~~
36 DEPARTMENT shall award grants to applying education providers pursuant

1 to this section. ~~The state board shall base the grant awards on the~~
2 ~~department's recommendations.~~ Each grant has a term of four years
3 beginning in the 2014-15 budget year. In making a grant award, the ~~state~~
4 ~~board~~ DEPARTMENT shall specify the amount of each grant."

5 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

6 Page 37, after line 11 insert:

7 **"SECTION 25. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

8 (1) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general
9 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of
10 education are adjusted as follows:

11 (a) The general fund appropriation for use by management and
12 administration for grants administration is reduced by \$3,999;

13 (b) The appropriation from the state education fund created in
14 section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution for use by school
15 district operations for state share of districts' total program funding is
16 increased by \$2,257,275;

17 (c) The appropriation from the state education fund created in
18 section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution for use by school
19 district operations for extended high school is decreased by \$6,703,048;

20 (d) The general fund appropriation for use by student pathways for
21 the career development success program is decreased by \$4,521,670, and
22 the related FTE is decreased by 0.6 FTE;

23 (e) The appropriation from the marijuana tax cash fund created in
24 Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., for use by student pathways for the
25 concurrent enrollment expansion and innovation grant program is
26 decreased by \$1,476,948, and the related FTE for college and career
27 readiness is decreased by 0.3 FTE;

28 (f) The general fund appropriation for use by student pathways for
29 the John W. Buckner automatic enrollment in advanced courses grant
30 program is decreased by \$247,914, and the related FTE is decreased by
31 0.3 FTE.

32 (2) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$5,018,715 is appropriated to
33 the department of education for use by student pathways. This
34 appropriation consists of \$4,773,583 from the general fund and \$245,132
35 from the state education fund created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of
36 the state constitution. To implement this act, the department may use this
37 appropriation as follows:

38 (a) \$482,217 from the general fund for postsecondary workforce
39 readiness administration, which amount is based on an assumption that
40 the department will require an additional 5.1 FTE; and

41 (b) \$4,291,366 from the general fund and \$245,132 from the state

1 education fund created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state
2 constitution for postsecondary workforce readiness start-up funding
3 distributions to local education providers."

4 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

5 Page 37, line 13, strike "22, and 23" and substitute "and 22".

6 Page 1, line 102, strike "**PROGRAMS.**" and substitute "**PROGRAMS, AND,**
7 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN**
8 **APPROPRIATION.**".

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