

Education Funding – 66% Classroom Mandate

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Declaration.

The People of the State of Colorado hereby declare that state education funding should serve the purpose of educating K-12 students. Administrative costs can consume resources which would otherwise be dedicated to teacher salaries, and direct classroom expenses. In order to ensure that state education dollars benefit students and their teachers, at least two thirds of the taxes levied for education should be used directly in the classroom.

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, title 22, article 54, **add** 148 as follows:

22-54-148. Funding Mandate for Classrooms and Teachers

(1) FOR THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, A MINIMUM OF 66% OF PER PUPIL FUNDING SENT TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE SPENT DIRECTLY ON CLASSROOM FUNDING.

(2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, CLASSROOM FUNDING INCLUDES:

- (a) TEACHER SALARIES;
- (b) SALARIES FOR AIDES IN THE CLASSROOM;
- (c) SALARIES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS; AND
- (d) ALLOWANCES FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES USED BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.