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SENATE BILL 25-223

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO CALCULATE MILL LEVY EQUALIZATION TO**
102 **DETERMINE THE DISTRIBUTION OF MILL LEVY EQUALIZATION**
103 **FUNDING TO INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND, IN**
104 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING 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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. Beginning with the 2025-26 budget year, and each budget year thereafter, the state charter school institute (institute) shall not distribute a portion of its appropriated mill levy

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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equalization funds to multi-district online schools that are authorized by the institute.

Beginning in the 2024-25 budget year, if the institute receives additional mill levy revenue from a school district for an institute charter school within the geographic boundary of the school district, the general assembly shall deduct the additional mill levy revenue from the amount necessary to fully fund mill levy equalization.

The bill decreases an appropriation from the state education fund to the department of education for use by the institute for mill levy equalization.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-513.1,
3 **amend** (2)(b); and **add** (2)(c) and (2)(d) as follows:

4 **22-30.5-513.1. Mill levy equalization - legislative declaration**
5 **- definitions.** (2) (b) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION, the institute
6 shall annually distribute the money appropriated for full mill levy
7 equalization pursuant to subsection (2)(a.5)(I) of this section to the
8 institute charter schools on an equal per-pupil basis, EXCLUDING PUPILS
9 ENROLLED IN MULTI-DISTRICT ONLINE SCHOOLS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
10 22-30.7-102, THAT ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE INSTITUTE; except that, in
11 any budget year, an institute charter school must not receive a per pupil
12 amount that is greater than the total amount of additional mill levy
13 revenue, as defined in section 22-32-108.5, that the accounting district for
14 the institute charter school is authorized to collect, divided by the funded
15 pupil count, as determined pursuant to article 54 of this title 22, of the
16 accounting district for the applicable budget year. The money distributed
17 pursuant to this section is in addition to money distributed to institute
18 charter schools pursuant to section 22-30.5-513.

19 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE
20 CONTRARY, BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-26 BUDGET YEAR, AND EACH

1 BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER, THE INSTITUTE SHALL NOT DISTRIBUTE A
2 PORTION OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO A
3 MULTI-DISTRICT ONLINE SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-30.7-102,
4 THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY THE INSTITUTE.

5 (d) BEGINNING IN THE 2024-25 BUDGET YEAR, IF AN INSTITUTE
6 CHARTER SCHOOL WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY OF A SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT RECEIVES ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY REVENUE FROM THE SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL DEDUCT THE ADDITIONAL MILL
9 LEVY REVENUE FROM THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO FULLY FUND MILL LEVY
10 EQUALIZATION.

11 **SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.** To
12 implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the state education
13 fund created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution
14 made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal
15 year to the department of education for use by the charter school institute
16 for CSI mill levy equalization is decreased by \$1,008,494.

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