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HOUSE BILL 14-1156

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING EXTENDING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CHILD  
102 NUTRITION SCHOOL LUNCH PROTECTION PROGRAM.

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)*

Current law creates an annual appropriation to provide lunches at no charge to children in state-subsidized early childhood education programs administered by public schools or in kindergarten through second grade. The bill would extend the age of eligibility to twelfth grade and increase the annual appropriation to not more than \$3.5 million.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-82.9-104, **amend**  
3 (4) (a) as follows:

4           **22-82.9-104. Child nutrition school lunch protection program**  
5 **- creation - administration - objectives.** (4) The objectives of the  
6 program are to:

7           (a) Eliminate the reduced price paid by Colorado students who are  
8 enrolled in state-subsidized early childhood education programs  
9 administered by public schools or in kindergarten through ~~second~~  
10 TWELFTH grade and who are participating in the school lunch program;

11           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-82.9-105, **amend**  
12 (1) as follows:

13           **22-82.9-105. Program funding - appropriation.** (1) The general  
14 assembly shall annually appropriate by separate line item in the annual  
15 general appropriation bill an amount of not less than eight hundred fifty  
16 thousand dollars and not more than ~~one~~ THREE million five hundred  
17 thousand dollars to the department to allow school food authorities to  
18 provide lunches at no charge for children in state-subsidized early  
19 childhood education programs administered by public schools or in  
20 kindergarten through ~~second~~ TWELFTH grade, participating in the school  
21 lunch program, who would otherwise be required to pay a reduced price  
22 for lunch. The appropriation to the department for the program shall be  
23 in addition to any appropriation made by the general assembly pursuant  
24 to section 22-54-123 or 22-54-123.5 (1). The department may expend not  
25 more than two percent of the moneys annually appropriated for the  
26 program to offset the direct and indirect costs incurred by the department

1 in implementing the program pursuant to this article.

2           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
5 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a  
6 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
7 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
8 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
9 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
10 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
11 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.