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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT PROVIDE
102 FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

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/billsummaries>.)

Under current law, students who are enrolled in kindergarten are counted as half-day pupils for purposes of school finance, and each school district receives an additional .08 of a full-day pupil for each kindergarten pupil. The bill increases the supplemental full-day kindergarten enrollment to an additional .50, or a full-day pupil, for each

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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school district that provides a full-day kindergarten program to all students whose parents choose to enroll their children in the full-day kindergarten program. All other school districts will continue to receive the additional .08 of supplemental kindergarten enrollment. A school district that counts for a full day of kindergarten is no longer eligible to receive hold-harmless full-day kindergarten funding.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-103, **amend**
3 (10) (f) and (15) as follows:

4 **22-54-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (10) (f) In certifying the district's pupil enrollment to the state
7 board pursuant to the provisions of section 22-54-112, the district shall
8 specify the number of pupils enrolled in half-day AND FULL-DAY
9 kindergarten; the number of pupils enrolled in first grade through twelfth
10 grade, specifying those who are enrolled as full-time pupils and those
11 who are enrolled as less than full-time pupils; the number of expelled
12 pupils receiving educational services pursuant to section 22-33-203; the
13 number of pupils enrolled in the district's preschool program; the number
14 of pupils receiving educational programs under the "Exceptional
15 Children's Educational Act", article 20 of this title; and the number of
16 at-risk pupils.

17 (15) "Supplemental kindergarten enrollment" means the number
18 calculated by subtracting five-tenths from the full-day kindergarten factor
19 for the applicable budget year and then multiplying said number by the
20 number of pupils in the district who are enrolled in kindergarten for the
21 applicable budget year. For the purposes of this subsection (15), the
22 full-day kindergarten factor for the 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11

1 budget years and each budget year thereafter THROUGH THE 2013-14
2 BUDGET YEAR is fifty-eight hundredths of a full-day pupil. FOR 2014-15
3 BUDGET YEAR AND BUDGET YEARS THEREAFTER, THE FULL-DAY
4 KINDERGARTEN FACTOR FOR A DISTRICT THAT PROVIDES A FULL-DAY
5 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FOR ALL STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS CHOOSE TO
6 ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IS
7 1.00; THE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FACTOR FOR ALL OTHER DISTRICTS IS
8 FIFTY-EIGHT HUNDREDTHS OF A FULL-DAY PUPIL.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-130, **amend**
10 (1) as follows:

11 **22-54-130. Hold-harmless full-day kindergarten funding.**

12 (1) (a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS
13 SUBSECTION (1), for the 2008-09 budget year and each budget year
14 thereafter, a district that participated in the Colorado preschool program
15 pursuant to article 28 of this title in the 2007-08 budget year and that
16 served a percentage of children authorized to participate in the district's
17 preschool program through a full-day kindergarten portion of the program
18 in the 2007-08 budget year shall receive hold-harmless full-day
19 kindergarten funding pursuant to this section. The funding paid pursuant
20 to this section shall be in addition to the funding for supplemental
21 kindergarten enrollment that the district receives pursuant to section
22 22-54-103 (7) (d) OR (7) (e).

23 (b) FOR THE 2014-15 BUDGET YEAR AND BUDGET YEARS
24 THEREAFTER, IN A BUDGET YEAR IN WHICH A SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES
25 A FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FACTOR OF 1.00 PURSUANT TO SECTION
26 22-54-103 (15), THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOT RECEIVE FUNDING
27 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

1 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-131, **amend**
2 (1), (2), (3), and (4) as follows:

3 **22-54-131. Full-day kindergarten funding - guidelines -**
4 **technical assistance - legislative intent - legislative declaration.** (1) A
5 district that, prior to the 2008-09 budget year, offered a full-day
6 kindergarten program without additional state funding to some or all of
7 the kindergarten pupils enrolled in the district is encouraged to use the
8 moneys received from supplemental kindergarten enrollment pursuant to
9 section 22-54-103 (7) (d) OR (7) (e) and hold-harmless full-day
10 kindergarten funding pursuant to section 22-54-130 in the 2008-09 budget
11 year and each budget year thereafter to expand the district's existing
12 full-day kindergarten program rather than to defray the costs of the
13 existing full-day kindergarten program.

14 (2) In offering a full-day kindergarten program with the moneys
15 received from supplemental kindergarten enrollment pursuant to section
16 22-54-103 (7) (d) OR (7) (e) and hold-harmless full-day kindergarten
17 funding pursuant to section 22-54-130, a district is encouraged to follow
18 the basic program standards established by the state board pursuant
19 section 22-28-108 for the Colorado preschool program, as they may apply
20 to a full-day kindergarten program.

21 (3) In offering a full-day kindergarten program with the moneys
22 received from supplemental kindergarten enrollment pursuant to section
23 22-54-103 (7) (d) OR (7) (e) and hold-harmless full-day kindergarten
24 funding pursuant to section 22-54-130, a district is encouraged to
25 prioritize children who are homeless when enrolling children in the
26 full-day kindergarten program.

27 (4) A district shall use the total amount received from

1 supplemental kindergarten enrollment pursuant to section 22-54-103 (7)
2 (d) OR (7) (e) and hold-harmless full-day kindergarten funding pursuant
3 to section 22-54-130 to provide access to a full-day kindergarten
4 program; except that in any budget year, if a district provides a full day
5 of kindergarten to at least ninety percent of the pupils enrolled in
6 kindergarten in the district who choose to attend a full day of
7 kindergarten, the district may use the moneys from supplemental
8 kindergarten enrollment and hold-harmless full-day kindergarten funding
9 for purposes other than to provide access to a full-day kindergarten
10 program.

11 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.