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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO SUPPORT RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND,**
102 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING 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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill exempts a school district that is rural and enrolls fewer than 1,000 students (small rural district) from the requirements to:

- ! Adopt a district policy for increasing and supporting parent engagement in public schools;
- ! Identify an employee to act as a point of contact for parent engagement training and resources; and

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE
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! Perform certain duties of the school district and school accountability committees that relate to increasing parent engagement.

Under current law, if a school district enrolls 500 or fewer students, a member of the school district board of education may serve on a school accountability committee, and the district accountability committee may serve as a school accountability committee. Under the bill, this provision applies to each small rural district.

Under current law, each school district board of education and board of cooperative services (BOCES) must provide written notice of special meetings to the board members. The bill allows the board of education of a school district that is rural and enrolls 6,500 students or fewer (rural district) and a BOCES that includes a rural district to deliver the written notice by electronic mail.

Under current law, each school district must report its expenditures at the district level and at the school-site level. The bill allows a small rural district to report expenditures only at the district level, except for school-site level expenditures that are partially charged to a district charter school.

The bill allows a person who is employed in multiple educator roles simultaneously to receive a single performance evaluation that takes into account the person's performance in each of the roles. Under current law, both an administrator and a principal must serve on a school district's personnel performance evaluation council, in addition to a teacher and specified residents of the school district. Under the bill, if a school district does not employ both a superintendent and a principal, the person who is employed as both the superintendent and the principal may serve on the council.

The bill directs the general assembly to appropriate \$10 million for the 2015-16 budget year to the department of education to distribute to small rural districts and institute charter schools that are located within small rural districts. The money is distributed on a per pupil basis. If the rural district is the authorizer for a district charter school, the rural district must distribute the full per pupil share of the amount received to the district charter school.

Under current law, the amount of revenue that a school district may receive from mill levy overrides cannot exceed 25% of the school district's total program. The bill increases the limit to 30% of total program for small rural districts.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-142, **add** (1)

1 (d) as follows:

2 **22-32-142. Parent engagement - policy - communications -**
3 **incentives.** (1) (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS
4 SUBSECTION (1) TO THE CONTRARY, A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOT REQUIRED
5 TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)
6 IF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT THE SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT IS RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST
9 LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLS FEWER
10 THAN ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH
11 GRADE.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-302, **add** (3)
13 as follows:

14 **22-11-302. School district accountability committee - powers**
15 **and duties.** (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (1)
16 OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, THE DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY
17 COMMITTEE FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOT REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE
18 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (g) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
19 SECTION IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS
20 RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
21 THE DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE,
22 URBANIZED AREA, AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLS FEWER THAN ONE
23 THOUSAND STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE.

24 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-401, **amend**
25 (4) (c) as follows:

26 **22-11-401. School accountability committee - creation -**
27 **qualifications - elections.** (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this

1 section to the contrary:

2 (c) In a school district ~~with five hundred or fewer enrolled~~
3 ~~students~~ THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE
4 GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT
6 ENROLLS FEWER THAN ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN
7 THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE, a member of the local school board may serve
8 on a school accountability committee, and the district accountability
9 committee may serve as a school accountability committee.

10 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-402, **add** (2)
11 as follows:

12 **22-11-402. School accountability committee - powers and**
13 **duties - meetings.** (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF
14 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, THE SCHOOL
15 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL IS NOT REQUIRED TO
16 IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (h) OF
17 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT
18 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S SCHOOL DISTRICT IS RURAL, BASED ON THE
19 GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE
20 SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THE
21 SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLS FEWER THAN ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS IN
22 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE.

23 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-108, **amend**
24 (2) as follows:

25 **22-32-108. Meetings of the board of education - legislative**
26 **intent.** (2) (a) The secretary of the board shall cause written notice of any
27 special meeting to be mailed or delivered to each member of the board

1 stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting; if the notice is
2 delivered, it shall be in the hands of the member no later than twenty-four
3 hours prior to the hour set for the meeting, and if it is mailed, it shall be
4 mailed no later than seventy-two hours prior to the hour set for the
5 meeting.

6 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS
7 SUBSECTION (2) TO THE CONTRARY, IF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
8 DETERMINES THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS RURAL, BASED ON THE
9 GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE
10 SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THE
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLS SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED OR FEWER
12 STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE, [REDACTED] THE
13 SECRETARY OF THE BOARD FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY COMPLY WITH
14 THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) BY
15 DELIVERING THE WRITTEN NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING TO EACH BOARD
16 MEMBER BY ELECTRONIC MAIL AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE
17 THE HOUR SET FOR THE MEETING.

18 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-5-105, **amend** (1)
19 as follows:

20 **22-5-105. Organization of board of cooperative services -**
21 **meetings.** (1) (a) At its first meeting, the members of the board of
22 cooperative services elected as set forth in section 22-5-104 shall ~~proceed~~
23 ~~to~~ elect from their membership a president, a vice-president, a secretary,
24 and a treasurer, whose terms of office ~~shall be~~ ARE for two years, unless
25 their terms of office as board members expire earlier, in which case the
26 officership shall similarly expire. The duties of the president,
27 vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the board of cooperative

1 services ~~shall be~~ ARE the same as set forth for similar offices of boards of
2 education in sections 22-32-105 to 22-32-107. Similarly, meetings of the
3 board of cooperative services ~~shall be~~ ARE called, held, and conducted as
4 set forth in section 22-32-108; except that, pursuant to section 22-5-104
5 (5), a board of cooperative services may conduct meetings electronically,
6 including by using video or audio conferencing technology.

7 (b) A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES THAT INCLUDES IN ITS
8 MEMBERSHIP AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 EDUCATION DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF
10 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM
11 THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT ENROLLS SIX
12 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED OR FEWER STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN
13 THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE, MAY PROVIDE NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS
14 BY ELECTRONIC MAIL AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-32-108 (2) (b).

15 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-44-304, **amend**
16 (1) (d) as follows:

17 **22-44-304. Financial reporting - on-line access to information**
18 **- repeal.** (1) (d) (I) Additionally, commencing July 1, 2015, each local
19 education provider shall post in a format that can be downloaded and
20 sorted, for free public access, the local education provider's actual
21 expenditures, including but not limited to actual salary expenditures and
22 actual benefit expenditures reported by job category specified in the
23 standard chart of accounts, at the local education provider level and at the
24 school-site level.

25 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF
26 THIS PARAGRAPH (d) TO THE CONTRARY, A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT THE
27 DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF

1 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM
2 THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT ENROLLS FEWER THAN
3 ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE
4 IS NOT REQUIRED TO REPORT EXPENDITURES AT THE SCHOOL-SITE LEVEL
5 EXCEPT FOR THOSE SCHOOL-SITE LEVEL EXPENDITURES THAT THE SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT CHARGES ANY PORTION OF TO A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL.

7 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-9-106, **add** (4.3)
8 as follows:

9 **22-9-106. Local boards of education - duties - performance**
10 **evaluation system - compliance - rules - repeal.**

11 (4.3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE
12 CONTRARY, A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED IN MULTIPLE ROLES
13 SIMULTANEOUSLY MAY RECEIVE A SINGLE EVALUATION THAT TAKES INTO
14 ACCOUNT THE PERSON'S PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER RESPONSIBILITIES
15 IN EACH ROLE. THE PERSON'S SUPERVISOR SHALL CONDUCT THE
16 EVALUATION OR, IF THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED AS A SCHOOL DISTRICT
17 SUPERINTENDENT, THE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL CONDUCT THE
18 PERSON'S EVALUATION.

19 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-9-107, **add** (1.5)
20 as follows:

21 **22-9-107. School district personnel performance evaluation**

22 **councils - duties.** (1.5) IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT EMPLOY A
23 PRINCIPAL AND AN ADMINISTRATOR, BUT EMPLOYS A SINGLE PERSON AS
24 BOTH PRINCIPAL AND ADMINISTRATOR, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS IN
25 COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IF
26 THE PERSON EMPLOYED AS BOTH PRINCIPAL AND ADMINISTRATOR SERVES
27 ON THE ADVISORY SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE

1 EVALUATION COUNCIL IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIRED TEACHER AND
2 RESIDENTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

3 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-54-136 as
4 follows:

5 **22-54-136. Additional funding - small rural districts - eligible**
6 **charter schools - definitions - repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,
7 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8 (a) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL" MEANS AN INSTITUTE
9 CHARTER SCHOOL THAT HAS A SMALL RURAL DISTRICT AS ITS ACCOUNTING
10 DISTRICT.

11 (b) "PER PUPIL DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT" MEANS AN AMOUNT EQUAL
12 TO TEN MILLION DOLLARS DIVIDED BY THE SUM OF THE TOTAL FUNDED
13 PUPIL COUNT FOR THE 2015-16 BUDGET YEAR OF ALL SMALL RURAL
14 DISTRICTS AND THE TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2015-16
15 BUDGET YEAR OF ALL ELIGIBLE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS.

16 (c) "SMALL RURAL DISTRICT" MEANS A DISTRICT IN COLORADO
17 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON
18 THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE
19 DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT
20 ENROLLS FEWER THAN ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN
21 THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE.

22 (2) FOR THE 2015-16 BUDGET YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
23 SHALL APPROPRIATE TEN MILLION DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 EDUCATION TO DISTRIBUTE TO SMALL RURAL DISTRICTS AND TO ELIGIBLE
25 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. A SMALL
26 RURAL DISTRICT AND AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL THAT
27 RECEIVE MONEYS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY USE THE MONEYS ONLY

1 FOR NONRECURRING EXPENSES RELATED TO AT LEAST ONE OF THE
2 FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- 3 (a) IMPLEMENTING ACCOUNTABLE EDUCATION REFORM;
- 4 (b) IMPLEMENTING AN ACCOUNTABLE PROGRAM TO MEET STATE
5 ACADEMIC STANDARDS;
- 6 (c) REDUCING CLASS SIZES;
- 7 (d) EXPANDING TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION;
- 8 (e) IMPROVING STUDENT SAFETY;
- 9 (f) EXPANDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PRESCHOOL AND
10 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS;
- 11 (g) PROVIDING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES FOR TEACHERS;
- 12 (h) IMPLEMENTING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING; OR
- 13 (i) IMPLEMENTING PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL
14 CONSTRUCTION.

15 (3) (a) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO
16 EACH SMALL RURAL DISTRICT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PER PUPIL
17 DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT MULTIPLIED BY THE SMALL RURAL DISTRICT'S
18 FUNDED PUPIL COUNT FOR THE 2015-16 BUDGET YEAR.

19 (b) EACH SMALL RURAL DISTRICT THAT IS THE AUTHORIZER FOR A
20 CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ONE
21 HUNDRED PERCENT OF AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT RECEIVED
22 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) DIVIDED BY THE
23 FUNDED PUPIL COUNT OF THE SMALL RURAL DISTRICT FOR THE 2015-16
24 BUDGET YEAR, MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
25 THE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR THE 2015-16 BUDGET YEAR. THE DISTRICT
26 CHARTER SCHOOL MAY USE THE MONEYS IT RECEIVES PURSUANT TO THIS
27 PARAGRAPH (b) ONLY FOR NONRECURRING EXPENSES RELATED TO AT

1 LEAST ONE OF THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS
2 SECTION.

3 (4) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CALCULATE FOR EACH
4 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE STATE
5 CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PER PUPIL
6 DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS
7 ENROLLED IN THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL. THE STATE
8 CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO EACH ELIGIBLE
9 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT
10 RECEIVED FOR THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL PURSUANT TO
11 THIS SUBSECTION (4).

12 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

13 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-108, **amend**

14 (3) (b) (I); and **add** (3) (b) (IV) as follows:

15 **22-54-108. Authorization of additional local revenues.**

16 (3) (b) (I) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (II), ~~and~~ (III),
17 AND (IV) of this paragraph (b), the total additional local property tax
18 revenues that may be received pursuant to elections held pursuant to this
19 section shall not exceed under any circumstances twenty percent of the
20 district's total program, as determined pursuant to section 22-54-104 (2),
21 or two hundred thousand dollars, whichever is greater.

22 (IV) (A) ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
23 SUBPARAGRAPH (IV), AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
24 SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (IV), THE TOTAL
25 ADDITIONAL LOCAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT A SMALL RURAL
26 DISTRICT MAY RECEIVE PURSUANT TO AN ELECTION HELD PURSUANT TO
27 THIS SECTION SHALL NOT EXCEED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES THIRTY

1 PERCENT OF THE SMALL RURAL DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM, AS
2 DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104 (2), OR TWO HUNDRED
3 THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, PLUS AN AMOUNT EQUAL
4 TO THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE THAT THE
5 SMALL RURAL DISTRICT COULD HAVE GENERATED FOR THE 2001-02
6 BUDGET YEAR IF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION
7 22-54-107.5, THE SMALL RURAL DISTRICT SUBMITTED A QUESTION TO AND
8 RECEIVED APPROVAL OF THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN
9 ELECTION HELD IN NOVEMBER 2001.

10 (B) REGARDLESS OF THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTION 22-54-104 (5)
11 (g), FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (IV), A SMALL RURAL
12 DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM IS THE AMOUNT CALCULATED PURSUANT TO
13 SECTION 22-54-104 (2).

14 (C) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (IV), A "SMALL RURAL
15 DISTRICT" IS A DISTRICT IN COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 EDUCATION DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF
17 THE DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST
18 LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT ENROLLS FEWER THAN ONE
19 THOUSAND STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE.

20 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-44-105, **amend**
21 **as amended in House Bill 15-1339** (4) (b) (IV) as follows:

22 **22-44-105. Budget - contents - mandatory.** (4) (b) In
23 implementing and maintaining the financial and human resource reporting
24 system pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, the state board of
25 education shall adhere to, but is not limited to, the following guidelines:

26 (IV) (A) THE REPORTING SYSTEM MUST REQUIRE AND THE
27 STANDARD CHART OF ACCOUNTS MUST INCLUDE THE REPORTING OF

1 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACTUAL SALARY
2 EXPENDITURES AND ACTUAL BENEFIT EXPENDITURES REPORTED BY JOB
3 CATEGORY SPECIFIED IN THE STANDARD CHART OF ACCOUNTS, AT THE
4 SCHOOL-SITE LEVEL, SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVEL, STATE CHARTER SCHOOL
5 INSTITUTE LEVEL, AND BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES LEVEL.

6 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH
7 (A) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) TO THE CONTRARY, A SCHOOL DISTRICT
8 THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE
9 GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE
10 SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT
11 ENROLLS FEWER THAN ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS IS NOT REQUIRED TO
12 REPORT EXPENDITURES AT THE SCHOOL-SITE LEVEL EXCEPT FOR THOSE
13 SCHOOL-SITE LEVEL EXPENDITURES THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARGES
14 ANY PORTION OF TO A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL.

15 **SECTION 13. Appropriation.** For the 2015-16 state fiscal year,
16 \$10,000,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This
17 appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17 (4) (a)
18 of article IX of the state constitution. To implement this act, the
19 department may use this appropriation for per pupil distributions
20 authorized in section 22-54-136, C.R.S.

21 **SECTION 14. Effective date.** (1) This act takes effect upon
22 passage; except that:

23 (a) Section 7 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 15-1339
24 does not become law; and

25 (b) Section 12 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 15-1339
26 does become law, in which case section 12 of this act takes effect upon
27 passage of this act or upon passage of House Bill 15-1339, whichever is

1 later.

2 **SECTION 15. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
3 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.