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SENATE BILL 16-072

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Kerr, Kefalas, Newell, Crowder, Garcia, Aguilar, Heath, Hodge, Jahn, Johnston, Merrifield,
Todd

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

Education
Finance

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM TOTAL AMOUNT OF**
102 **ANNUAL LEASE PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED FOR LEASE-PURCHASE**
103 **AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO UNDER THE "BUILDING**
104 **EXCELLENT SCHOOLS TODAY ACT".**

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 the "Building Excellent Schools Today Act" (BEST), the state may enter into lease-purchase agreements for public school facility capital construction projects subject to the limitation that the maximum

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.*

total annual amount of lease payments payable under the terms of the agreements does not exceed \$80 million. The bill increases the maximum total annual amount of lease payments authorized to be paid with both state money and local matching money to \$90 million for the 2016-17 fiscal year, \$100 million for the 2017-18 fiscal year, \$110 million for the 2018-19 fiscal year, and \$120 million for the 2019-20 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter. In addition, to match the increase in the maximum annual amount of lease payments authorized and thereby ensure that the annual transfer of public school lands income to the BEST program continues to be sufficient, by itself, to cover the 50% state share of the total amount of annual lease payments, the bill increases the minimum amount of the annual transfer from \$40 million to \$60 million.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-43.7-103, amend
3 (7) as follows:

4 **22-43.7-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (7) "Charter school" means a charter school as described in
7 section 22-54-124 (1) (f.6) (I) (A) or (1) (f.6) (I) (B). ~~that has been~~
8 ~~chartered for at least five years on the date its authorizer forwards an~~
9 ~~application for financial assistance to the board on the charter school's~~
10 ~~behalf.~~

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-43.7-109, amend
12 (3); and repeal (1) (b) as follows:

13 **22-43.7-109. Financial assistance for public school capital**
14 **construction - application requirements - evaluation criteria - local**
15 **match requirements.** (1) For fiscal years commencing on or after July
16 1, 2008, the board, with the support of the division and subject to the
17 approval of the state board and, in the case of financial assistance that
18 involves lease-purchase agreements, subject to both the preliminary
19 approval of the state board and the final approval of the capital

1 development committee, regarding financial assistance awards as
2 specified in this section, shall provide financial assistance as specified in
3 this section subject to the following limitations:

4 (b) The board may provide financial assistance to a charter school
5 that first occupies a public school facility on or after May 22, 2008, only
6 if the public school facility occupied by the charter school complied with
7 all public school facilities construction guidelines addressing health and
8 safety issues established by the board pursuant to section 22-43.7-107 (2)
9 (a) at the time the charter school first occupied the facility.

10 (3) A CHARTER SCHOOL THAT CHOOSES TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL
11 ASSISTANCE MUST APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD. A charter school shall
12 notify its authorizer that it intends to apply IF THE CHARTER SCHOOL
13 APPLIES for financial assistance. NOTHING SHALL PROHIBIT THE
14 AUTHORIZER FROM SUBMITTING A LETTER INDICATING THE AUTHORIZER'S
15 POSITION ON THE APPLICATION. at least four months prior to the
16 application submission deadline. The charter school shall forward its
17 application for financial assistance to its authorizer, which shall forward
18 the application to the board together with a letter indicating the
19 authorizer's position on the application. The Colorado school for the deaf
20 and blind shall ALSO apply for financial assistance directly. Financial
21 assistance awarded to a charter school as a matching cash grant shall be
22 provided to the authorizer, which shall distribute all financial assistance
23 received as a grant to the charter school and may not retain any portion of
24 such moneys for any purpose. All other financial assistance shall be
25 provided in the form of lease payments made by the board directly to a
26 lessor or trustee as required by the terms of the applicable lease-purchase
27 agreement.

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SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-43.7-110, **amend** (2) (a) (III) and (2) (a) (IV); and **add** (2) (a) (V), (2) (a) (VI), (2) (a) (VII), and (2) (a) (VIII) as follows:

22-43.7-110. Financial assistance - grants - lease-purchase agreements. (2) Subject to the following requirements and limitations, the board may also instruct the state treasurer to enter into lease-purchase agreements on behalf of the state to provide financial assistance to applicants by financing public school facility capital construction projects for which the state board has recommended and the capital development committee has authorized the provision of financial assistance that involves a lease-purchase agreement pursuant to section 22-43.7-109 (7):

(a) Subject to the limitation specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2), the maximum total amount of annual lease payments payable by the state during any fiscal year under the terms of all outstanding lease-purchase agreements entered into by the state treasurer as instructed by the board pursuant to this subsection (2) is:

- (III) Sixty million dollars for the 2010-11 fiscal year; ~~and~~
- (IV) Eighty million dollars for the 2011-12 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter THROUGH THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR;
- (V) NINETY MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR;
- (VI) ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR;
- (VII) ONE HUNDRED TEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR; AND
- (VIII) ONE HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.

1 **SECTION 4. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
2 upon passage; except that section 1 of this act takes effect July 1, 2016,
3 and applies to fiscal years commencing on or after said date.

4 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.