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**SENATE BILL 14-150**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE COLORADO SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS GRANT**  
102 **PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

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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/billsummaries>.)*

The bill makes several changes to the existing school counselor corps grant program (program), including:

- ! Extending the eligibility to all middle and high schools;
- ! Extending the length of the grant cycle from 3 to 4 years;

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.*

- ! Increasing the total annual grant amount from \$5 million to \$10 million;
- ! Requiring grantees to use nationally established guidelines and standards to implement a time and effort assessment, postsecondary workforce-ready programming, and social and emotional counseling work;
- ! Requiring grantees to use nationally established and accepted models for accountability;
- ! Requiring the department of education (department) and state board of education to take into consideration recommendations from the school counselor advisory board regarding grant awards and to give priority when awarding grants to schools:
  - ! With higher-than-average remediation rates, numbers of first-generation students applying to postsecondary schools, numbers of at-risk students at the school, and dropout rates;
  - ! In underserved geographic locations; and
  - ! With lower-than-average counselor-to-school ratios; and
- ! Requiring the department to establish guidelines for the school counselor corps advisory board's duties, membership, and responsibilities.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-91-102, **amend**  
 3 (7) as follows:

4           **22-91-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
 5 otherwise requires:

6           (7) "Secondary school" means a public MIDDLE, JUNIOR, OR HIGH  
 7 school. ~~that includes any of grades seven through twelve.~~

8           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-91-103, **amend**  
 9 (1) as follows:

10           **22-91-103. School counselor corps grant program - created -**  
 11 **rules.** (1) (a) There is hereby created in the department the school  
 12 counselor corps grant program to provide funding to education providers.

1 THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS to increase the availability of effective  
2 school-based counseling within secondary schools ~~with the goal of~~  
3 ~~increasing~~ TO HELP INCREASE the graduation rate within the state and  
4 ~~increasing~~ INCREASE the percentage of students who appropriately prepare  
5 for, apply to, and continue into postsecondary education.

6 (b) An education provider that receives a grant under the program  
7 ~~shall~~ MUST use the moneys to increase the level of funding the education  
8 provider allocated to school-based counseling prior to receiving the grant  
9 and not to replace other funding sources allocated to school-based  
10 counseling.

11 (c) The department shall administer the program as provided in  
12 this article and pursuant to rules adopted by the state board.

13 (d) AN EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH  
14 THE PROGRAM SHALL USE NATIONALLY ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES AND  
15 STANDARDS TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE COUNSELING MODEL THAT  
16 INCLUDES A TIME AND EFFORT ASSESSMENT, POSTSECONDARY  
17 WORKFORCE-READY PROGRAMMING, AND SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL  
18 COUNSELING WORK.

19 (e) AN EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH  
20 THE PROGRAM SHALL USE NATIONALLY ESTABLISHED AND ACCEPTED  
21 MODELS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL  
22 COLLECT DATA ON ITS COUNSELING PROGRAM TO DEMONSTRATE THE  
23 IMPACT OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM ON STUDENT  
24 ACHIEVEMENT, ATTENDANCE, AND BEHAVIOR. THE EDUCATION PROVIDER  
25 SHALL USE THE DATA TO ANALYZE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM  
26 ASSESSMENTS TO GUIDE FUTURE ACTION AND IMPROVE FUTURE RESULTS  
27 FOR ALL STUDENTS.

1           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-91-104, **amend**  
2 (1), (3), (5), and (6); and **add** (4.5) as follows:

3           **22-91-104. School counselor corps grant program - application**  
4 **- criteria - grant awards - rules.** (1) An education provider ~~that seeks~~  
5 SEEKING a grant from the program shall submit an application to the  
6 SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS ADVISORY BOARD EXISTING WITHIN THE  
7 department in accordance with the rules adopted by the state board. The  
8 ~~department~~ SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS ADVISORY BOARD shall review  
9 each GRANT application received ~~from an education provider~~ and make  
10 recommendations to the DEPARTMENT AND state board concerning  
11 whether a grant should be awarded to the education provider and the  
12 recommended amount of the grant. If the ~~department~~ SCHOOL COUNSELOR  
13 CORPS ADVISORY BOARD determines an application is missing any  
14 information required by rule to be included with the application, the  
15 ~~department~~ SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS ADVISORY BOARD may contact the  
16 education provider to obtain the missing information.

17           (3) In reviewing applications and making recommendations TO  
18 THE DEPARTMENT AND STATE BOARD, the ~~department~~ SCHOOL COUNSELOR  
19 CORPS ADVISORY BOARD shall **apply** CONSIDER the following criteria, in  
20 addition to any other criteria adopted by rule of the state board:

21           (a) The dropout rate at the intended recipient secondary school or  
22 schools and, if the education provider is a school district, at all of the  
23 secondary schools within the school district. The SCHOOL COUNSELOR  
24 CORPS ADVISORY BOARD, department, and ~~the~~ state board shall give  
25 priority to education providers that intend to use the grant moneys to  
26 assist secondary schools at which the dropout rate exceeds the statewide  
27 average.

1 (a.5) THE REMEDIATION RATE AT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT  
2 SECONDARY SCHOOL OR SCHOOLS AND, IF THE EDUCATION PROVIDER IS A  
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALL OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN THE SCHOOL  
4 DISTRICT. THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS ADVISORY BOARD,  
5 DEPARTMENT, AND STATE BOARD SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO EDUCATION  
6 PROVIDERS THAT INTEND TO USE THE GRANT MONEYS TO ASSIST  
7 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AT WHICH THE REMEDIATION RATE IS GREATER  
8 THAN THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE.

9 (b) The percentage of students enrolled in the intended recipient  
10 secondary school or schools, AND, IF THE EDUCATION PROVIDER IS A  
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALL OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN THE SCHOOL  
12 DISTRICT, who are eligible for free or reduced-cost lunch OR WHO ARE  
13 CONSIDERED AT-RISK STUDENTS. The SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS  
14 ADVISORY BOARD, department, and ~~the~~ state board shall give priority to  
15 education providers that identify intended recipient secondary schools  
16 with a high percentage of said students.

17 (c) The percentage of students enrolled in the intended recipient  
18 secondary school or schools and, if the education provider is a school  
19 district, ALL OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS in the school district, who  
20 graduate and enroll in postsecondary education within two years after  
21 graduating from high school;

22 (c.5) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE INTENDED  
23 RECIPIENT SECONDARY SCHOOL OR SCHOOLS AND, IF THE EDUCATION  
24 PROVIDER IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT ALL OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE  
25 SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHO APPLY TO AND ENROLL IN POSTSECONDARY  
26 EDUCATION WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL  
27 AND WHOSE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS DO NOT HOLD A FOUR-YEAR

1 POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL OR GREATER. THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR  
2 CORPS ADVISORY BOARD, DEPARTMENT, AND STATE BOARD SHALL GIVE  
3 PRIORITY TO EDUCATION PROVIDERS THAT IDENTIFY INTENDED RECIPIENT  
4 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF SAID STUDENTS.

5 (d) Whether the education provider has adopted, or has  
6 demonstrated a commitment to adopting, standards for school counselor  
7 responsibilities, as recommended by a national association of school  
8 counselors; and

9 (e) The likelihood that the education provider will continue to  
10 fund the increases in the level of school counseling services following  
11 expiration of the grant;

12 (f) THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THE EDUCATION PROVIDER. THE  
13 SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS ADVISORY BOARD, DEPARTMENT, AND STATE  
14 BOARD MAY PROVIDE A PREFERENCE IN AWARDING GRANTS TO  
15 UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE; AND

16 (g) THE CURRENT STUDENT-TO-COUNSELOR RATIO AT THE SCHOOL.

17 (4.5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE SUPPORT TO SECONDARY  
18 SCHOOLS TO TRAIN PRINCIPALS ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF THE  
19 PROGRAM.

20 (5) Subject to available appropriations, BUT NOT TO EXCEED TEN  
21 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY, the state board shall award grants to  
22 applying education providers pursuant to this section. The state board  
23 shall base the grant awards on the department's recommendations. Each  
24 grant shall have HAS a term of ~~three~~ FOUR years beginning in the ~~2008-09~~  
25 2014-15 budget year. In making ~~the~~ A GRANT award, the state board shall  
26 specify the amount of each grant.

27 (6) The department may expend no more than three percent of the

1 moneys annually appropriated for the program to offset the costs incurred  
2 in implementing the program, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF  
3 GRANT-RELATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND  
4 REPORTING ACTIVITIES.

5 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-91-104.5 as  
6 follows:

7 **22-91-104.5. School counselor corps advisory board - created**  
8 **- guidelines.** (1) THERE IS CREATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT THE  
9 SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS ADVISORY BOARD. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
10 ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE DUTIES, MEMBERSHIP, AND  
11 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADVISORY BOARD. THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY  
12 INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, MEMBERS:

13 (a) WHO REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, HIGHER  
14 EDUCATION, AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT; COMMUNITY COLLEGES; OR  
15 SCHOOL DISTRICTS; OR

16 (b) WHO HAVE EXPERTISE IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH  
17 SCHOOL COUNSELING; STUDENT RETENTION; COUNSELOR EDUCATION;  
18 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION; STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES;  
19 CAREER PLANNING; PRE-COLLEGIATE SERVICES AND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS;  
20 AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION.

21 **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
22 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state  
23 education fund created in section 17 (4) (a) of article IX of the state  
24 constitution, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of education,  
25 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum of \$5,000,000 and 1.0  
26 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to the school  
27 counselor corps grant program for the implementation of this act.

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