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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.**

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.*

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 25, 2014

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 24, 2014

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 16, 2014

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 15, 2014

- ! 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.

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); and add (2.5)** as follows:

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

6 (2.5) "FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT" MEANS:

7 (a) AN INDIVIDUAL BOTH OF WHOSE PARENTS DID NOT COMPLETE
 8 A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE; OR

9 (b) IN THE CASE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO REGULARLY RESIDED
 10 WITH AND RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM ONLY ONE PARENT, AN INDIVIDUAL
 11 WHOSE ONLY SUCH PARENT DID NOT COMPLETE A BACCALAUREATE
 12 DEGREE.

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

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

5 **22-91-103. School counselor corps grant program - created -**
6 **rules.** (1) (a) There is hereby created in the department the school
7 counselor corps grant program to provide funding to education providers.
8 THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS to increase the availability of effective
9 school-based counseling within secondary schools ~~with the goal of~~
10 ~~increasing~~ TO HELP INCREASE the graduation rate within the state and
11 ~~increasing~~ INCREASE the percentage of students who appropriately prepare
12 for, apply to, and continue into postsecondary education.

13 (b) An education provider that receives a grant under the program
14 ~~shall~~ MUST use the moneys to increase the level of funding the education
15 provider allocated to school-based counseling prior to receiving the grant
16 and not to replace other funding sources allocated to school-based
17 counseling.

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

20 (d) AN EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH
21 THE PROGRAM SHALL USE STATE GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS TO
22 IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE COUNSELING MODEL THAT INCLUDES A
23 TIME AND EFFORT ASSESSMENT, POSTSECONDARY WORKFORCE-READY
24 PROGRAMMING, AND SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COUNSELING WORK.

25 (e) AN EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH
26 THE PROGRAM SHALL USE STATE MODELS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. THE
27 EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL COLLECT DATA ON ITS COUNSELING

1 PROGRAM TO DEMONSTRATE THE IMPACT OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELING
2 PROGRAM ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, ATTENDANCE, AND BEHAVIOR. THE
3 EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL USE THE DATA TO ANALYZE SCHOOL
4 COUNSELING PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS TO GUIDE FUTURE ACTION AND
5 IMPROVE FUTURE RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS.

6 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-91-104, **amend**
7 (1), (3), (5), and (6); and **add** (4.5) as follows:

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

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

26 (a) The dropout rate at the intended recipient secondary school or
27 schools and, if the education provider is a school district, at all of the

1 secondary schools within the school district. The SCHOOL COUNSELOR
2 CORPS ADVISORY BOARD, department, and ~~the~~ state board shall give
3 priority to education providers that intend to use the grant moneys to
4 assist secondary schools at which the dropout rate exceeds the statewide
5 average.

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

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

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

27 (c.5) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE INTENDED

1 RECIPIENT SECONDARY SCHOOL OR SCHOOLS AND, IF THE EDUCATION
2 PROVIDER IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT ALL OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHO APPLY TO AND ENROLL IN POSTSECONDARY
4 EDUCATION WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL
5 AND WHO ARE FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS. THE SCHOOL
6 COUNSELOR CORPS ADVISORY BOARD, DEPARTMENT, AND STATE BOARD
7 SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO EDUCATION PROVIDERS THAT IDENTIFY INTENDED
8 RECIPIENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF
9 FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS.

10 (d) Whether the education provider has adopted, or has
11 demonstrated a commitment to adopting, standards for school counselor
12 responsibilities, as recommended by a national association of school
13 counselors; and

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

17 (f) THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THE EDUCATION PROVIDER. THE
18 SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS ADVISORY BOARD, DEPARTMENT, AND STATE
19 BOARD MAY PROVIDE A PREFERENCE IN AWARDING GRANTS TO
20 UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE; AND

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

22 (4.5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE SUPPORT TO SECONDARY
23 SCHOOLS TO TRAIN PRINCIPALS ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF THE
24 PROGRAM.

25 (5) Subject to available appropriations, BUT NOT TO EXCEED TEN
26 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY, the state board shall award grants to
27 applying education providers pursuant to this section. The state board

1 shall base the grant awards on the department's recommendations. Each
2 grant ~~shall have~~ HAS a term of ~~three~~ FOUR years beginning in the ~~2008-09~~
3 2014-15 budget year. In making ~~the~~ A GRANT award, the state board shall
4 specify the amount of each grant.

5 (6) The department may expend no more than three percent of the
6 moneys annually appropriated for the program to offset the costs incurred
7 in implementing the program, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF
8 GRANT-RELATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND
9 REPORTING ACTIVITIES.

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

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

18 (a) WHO REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, HIGHER
19 EDUCATION, AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT; COMMUNITY COLLEGES; OR
20 SCHOOL DISTRICTS; OR

21 (b) WHO HAVE EXPERTISE IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH
22 SCHOOL COUNSELING; STUDENT RETENTION; COUNSELOR EDUCATION;
23 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION; STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES;
24 CAREER PLANNING; PRE-COLLEGIATE SERVICES AND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS;
25 AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION.

26 **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** In addition to any other
27 **appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state**

1 education fund created in section 17 (4) (a) of article IX of the state
2 constitution, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of education,
3 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum of \$5,000,000 and 1.0
4 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to the school
5 counselor corps grant program for the implementation of this act.

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