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SENATE BILL 10-210

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL  
102 PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR STUDENTS TO READ.

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 authorizes the read-to-achieve board to award up to \$1,000,000 per year to organizations that operate promise neighborhoods or choice neighborhoods, as described in federal law, to fund programs that pay incentives to students to read books. The organization must be operating the reading program with a public school or a public library.

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.*

To be eligible to apply, an organization must provide proof that it is approved for federal funding. The reading incentive grant program must be available to students enrolled in any of grades one through 5 in a public school within the boundaries of the promise or choice neighborhood. To receive the incentive, the student must read the book outside of class time and successfully complete a quiz on the book.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** Part 9 of article 7 of title 22, Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
4 read:

5           **22-7-905.5. Promise neighborhoods - reading incentive**  
6 **program grants.** (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART  
7 9 TO THE CONTRARY, THE READ-TO-ACHIEVE BOARD MAY ANNUALLY  
8 AWARD UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
9 OPERATE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOODS OR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS, AS  
10 DESCRIBED IN FEDERAL LAW, TO FUND PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE  
11 INCENTIVES TO READ BOOKS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES ONE  
12 THROUGH FIVE. THE READ-TO-ACHIEVE BOARD SHALL AWARD GRANTS  
13 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR A SINGLE ACADEMIC YEAR BUT MAY  
14 RENEW THE GRANTS FOR ADDITIONAL YEARS. THE READ-TO-ACHIEVE  
15 BOARD SHALL INCLUDE ANY GRANTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS  
16 SECTION IN THE LIST OF GRANT RECIPIENTS SUBMITTED TO THE  
17 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-905 (4).

18           (2) IN SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION,  
19 THE READ-TO-ACHIEVE BOARD SHALL NOT APPLY THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED  
20 IN SECTION 22-7-905 (3) OR ANY CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN STATE BOARD  
21 RULE BUT SHALL AWARD A GRANT TO AN ORGANIZATION UNDER THIS  
22 SECTION IF THE PROPOSED READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

1 (a) APPLIES TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ANY OF GRADES ONE  
2 THROUGH FIVE;

3 (b) OPERATES IN COORDINATION WITH ONE OR MORE PUBLIC  
4 SCHOOLS OR PUBLIC LIBRARIES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE  
5 PROMISE OR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS OVERSEEN BY THE APPLYING  
6 ORGANIZATION; AND

7 (c) AWARDS A MONETARY INCENTIVE TO A STUDENT WHEN THE  
8 STUDENT READS A BOOK OUTSIDE OF REGULAR CLASS TIME AND  
9 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES A QUIZ TO PROVE HE OR SHE READ THE BOOK.

10 (3) AN ORGANIZATION MAY APPLY FOR A READING INCENTIVE  
11 PROGRAM GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ONLY IF IT HAS BEEN  
12 APPROVED FOR FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE FORM OF A PROMISE  
13 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT OR THROUGH THE FEDERAL CHOICE  
14 NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM. AN ORGANIZATION THAT APPLIES FOR A  
15 READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL  
16 SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMELINES SPECIFIED  
17 BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-906 (1) (b).  
18 THE APPLICATION SHALL CONSIST OF:

19 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR  
20 WHICH THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A GRANT, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC  
21 SCHOOL OR LIBRARY THE ORGANIZATION IS WORKING WITH, THE  
22 POTENTIAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS, AND THE MANNER IN  
23 WHICH A STUDENT MUST DEMONSTRATE COMPREHENSION OF A BOOK IN  
24 ORDER TO RECEIVE THE INCENTIVE;

25 (b) THE AMOUNT REQUESTED; AND

26 (c) PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR FEDERAL  
27 FUNDING IN THE FORM OF A PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT OR

1 THROUGH THE FEDERAL CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM.

2 (4) AN ORGANIZATION SHALL APPLY ANY MONEYS RECEIVED  
3 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO STUDENTS  
4 THROUGH THE READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA  
5 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. AN ORGANIZATION THAT  
6 RECEIVES A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO  
7 THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS IN SECTION  
8 22-7-905 OR BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD.

9 (5) AN ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS  
10 SECTION SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE READ-TO-ACHIEVE BOARD THE  
11 NUMBER OF BOOKS READ AND THE AMOUNT EARNED PER STUDENT. THE  
12 READ-TO-ACHIEVE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION RECEIVED  
13 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) IN THE ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED  
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-907.

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