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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.

SENATE
Amended 3rd Reading
May 7, 2010

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
May 6, 2010

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.

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 - boards of cooperative**
6 **services - reading incentive program grants.**

7 (1) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART 9 TO THE
8 CONTRARY, THE READ-TO-ACHIEVE BOARD MAY ANNUALLY AWARD UP TO
9 ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS TO FUND PROGRAMS
10 THAT PROVIDE INCENTIVES TO READ BOOKS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
11 GRADES ONE THROUGH THREE OR WHO ARE BETWEEN THIRD AND FOURTH
12 GRADE. THE READ-TO-ACHIEVE BOARD SHALL AWARD GRANTS PURSUANT
13 TO THIS SECTION FOR A SINGLE ACADEMIC YEAR BUT MAY RENEW THE
14 GRANTS FOR ADDITIONAL YEARS. THE READ-TO-ACHIEVE BOARD SHALL
15 INCLUDE ANY GRANTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN THE LIST
16 OF GRANT RECIPIENTS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO
17 SECTION 22-7-905 (4).

18 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ORGANIZATION" MEANS:

19 (I) A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES ESTABLISHED AND
20 OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE; OR

21 (II) AN ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATES A PROMISE
22 NEIGHBORHOOD OR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD, AS DESCRIBED IN FEDERAL

1 LAW, AND THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE FORM
2 OF A PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT OR THROUGH THE
3 FEDERAL CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM.

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

9 (a) APPLIES ONLY TO STUDENTS WHO MEET THE DESCRIPTION IN
10 SECTION 22-7-902;

11 (b) OPERATES IN COORDINATION WITH ONE OR MORE PUBLIC
12 SCHOOLS OR PUBLIC LIBRARIES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
13 PROMISE OR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS OVERSEEN BY THE APPLYING
14 ORGANIZATION; ==

15 (c) AWARDS AN INCENTIVE TO A STUDENT WHEN THE STUDENT
16 READS A BOOK OUTSIDE OF REGULAR CLASS TIME AND SUCCESSFULLY
17 COMPLETES A QUIZ TO PROVE HE OR SHE READ THE BOOK; AND

18 (d) R EQUIRES PARENTAL CONSENT FOR EACH STUDENT 'S
19 PARTICIPATION.

20 (3) AN ORGANIZATION THAT APPLIES FOR A READING INCENTIVE
21 PROGRAM GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT AN
22 APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMELINES SPECIFIED BY RULE OF
23 THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-906 (1) (b). THE
24 APPLICATION SHALL CONSIST OF:

25 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR
26 WHICH THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A GRANT, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC
27 SCHOOL OR LIBRARY THE ORGANIZATION IS WORKING WITH, THE

1 POTENTIAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS, AND THE MANNER IN
2 WHICH A STUDENT MUST DEMONSTRATE COMPREHENSION OF A BOOK IN
3 ORDER TO RECEIVE THE INCENTIVE;

4 (b) THE AMOUNT REQUESTED; AND

5 (c) IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES,
6 PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR FEDERAL FUNDING
7 IN THE FORM OF A PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT OR
8 THROUGH THE FEDERAL CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM.

9 (4) AN ORGANIZATION SHALL APPLY ANY MONEYS RECEIVED
10 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO STUDENTS
11 THROUGH THE READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA
12 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. AN ORGANIZATION THAT
13 RECEIVES A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO
14 THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS IN SECTION
15 22-7-905 OR BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD.

16 (5) AN ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES A GRANT PURSUANT TO
17 THIS SECTION SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE READ-TO-ACHIEVE BOARD
18 THE NUMBER OF BOOKS READ AND THE INCENTIVES RECEIVED BY EACH
19 STUDENT. THE READ-TO-ACHIEVE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE THE
20 INFORMATION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) IN THE
21 ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-907.

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