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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission

BILL TOPIC: "CO Preschool Program Expansion"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE COLORADO PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.**

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>.)

Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission. The statute currently authorizes funding for 20,160 children to participate in the Colorado preschool program as half-time or full-time preschool students. In addition, the statute authorizes funding for 8,200 children as Colorado preschool program students or as full-day kindergarten students, when combined with a school district's other

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

funding for kindergarten students. The bill funds an additional 3,000 children only as half-time or full-time preschool students.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-28-104, **amend**
3 (2) (a) (III); and **add** (2) (a) (IV) and (2) (a) (V) as follows:

4 **22-28-104. Establishment of public preschool programs.**

5 (2) (a) (III) For the 2008-09 budget year ~~and each budget year thereafter~~
6 THROUGH THE 2012-13 BUDGET YEAR, twenty thousand one hundred sixty
7 children may annually participate in the Colorado preschool program.

8 (IV) FOR THE 2013-14 BUDGET YEAR THROUGH THE 2015-16
9 BUDGET YEAR, TWENTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY CHILDREN, IN
10 ADDITION TO THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AUTHORIZED IN SECTION
11 22-28-104.3, MAY ANNUALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE COLORADO PRESCHOOL
12 PROGRAM.

13 (V) FOR THE 2016-17 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH BUDGET YEAR
14 THEREAFTER, TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY CHILDREN,
15 IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AUTHORIZED IN SECTION
16 22-28-104.3, MAY ANNUALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE COLORADO PRESCHOOL
17 PROGRAM.

18 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-28-104.3, **amend**
19 (1) (a) as follows:

20 **22-28-104.3. Early childhood at-risk enhancement (ECARE).**

21 (1) (a) ~~Notwithstanding~~ IN ADDITION TO the number of children who may
22 annually participate in the Colorado preschool program pursuant to
23 section 22-28-104 (2) (a):

24 (I) For the 2013-14 budget year, an additional three thousand two
25 hundred children may participate in the Colorado preschool program. ~~for~~

1 a total of twenty-three thousand three hundred sixty children who may
2 participate in the Colorado preschool program for the 2013-14 budget
3 year.

4 (II) For the 2014-15 budget year and each budget year thereafter,
5 an additional ~~five~~ EIGHT thousand TWO HUNDRED children may annually
6 participate in the Colorado preschool program. ~~for a total of twenty-eight~~
7 ~~thousand three hundred sixty children who may annually participate in the~~
8 Colorado preschool program.

9 <{*Does the Commission prefer a safety clause or a conditional 90-day*
10 *effective date clause?*>