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An Act

HOUSE BILL 07-1271

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Kerr A., Buescher, Carroll M., Casso, Gibbs, Green, Hodge, Labuda, Madden, Marshall, Massey, McFadyen, McGihon, Peniston, Primavera, Solano, Stafford, and Todd;
also SENATOR(S) Tupa, Bacon, Boyd, Fitz-Gerald, Groff, Isgar, Sandoval, Schwartz, Shaffer, Tapia, Veiga, and Williams.

CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE FAMILY LITERACY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that:

(a) Parental education level is a key indicator of children's academic performance, and that a significant number of Colorado adults with less than a high school education are parents of pre-school and school-age children;

(b) Improving family literacy is an effective strategy in closing the achievement gap by providing impoverished, low-income, minority, or underachieving parents with an opportunity to increase their children's school readiness and academic success as well as contribute to their family's

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well-being, stability, and self-sufficiency; and

(c) Family literacy benefits Colorado employers by improving the basic academic skills of employees and at-risk adults with children, including unemployed, underemployed, or impoverished adults.

(2) The general assembly further finds that Colorado's family literacy education grant program benefits the state by allowing local education providers to provide family literacy education, adult literacy education, and English language literacy education training.

(3) Therefore, the general assembly hereby determines that moneys should be appropriated to implement the family literacy education grant program.

SECTION 2. 22-2-124 (9), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-2-124. Family literacy education grant program - rules.

(9) (a) It is the intent of the general assembly that:

~~(I) No general fund moneys be appropriated for the purposes of implementing this section; and~~

(II) To the extent that family literacy services provided pursuant to this section comply with federal requirements, the department actively pursue all federal moneys that may be available through:

(A) The federal "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001", including but not limited to the William F. Goodling Even Start family literacy programs, 20 U.S.C. sec. 6381 et seq.; and

(B) Title II of the federal "Workforce Investment Act of 1998", as amended, 20 U.S.C. sec. 9201 et seq.

~~(b) (I) If sufficient moneys have not been credited to the family literacy education fund pursuant to subsection (8) of this section prior to December 1 of each year, the state treasurer shall immediately provide notification of such fact to the department and the revisor of statutes.~~

~~(H) This section is repealed upon receipt by the revisor of statutes of the notification described in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b).~~

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

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