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**SENATE BILL 23-065**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS**  
102 **PROGRAM.**

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**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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

For the career development success program (program), the bill removes the requirement for successful completion of a qualified industry pre-apprenticeship program and the requirement for successful completion of a qualified industry apprenticeship.

Current law requires the general assembly to annually appropriate \$1 million to the department of education for the program. Beginning in

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

the 2023-24 budget year, and each budget year thereafter, the bill increase the appropriation to \$10 million.

The bill requires a school district or charter school participating in the program to receive 120% of the per-pupil amount for each pupil who is eligible for free or reduced-price lunch and who successfully earned an industry certificate by completing a qualified industry-credential program, a qualified workplace training program, or a qualified advanced placement course.

The bill authorizes a participating school district or participating charter school to contract with a third party to provide specified services under the program.

The bill extends the repeal date from September 1, 2024, to September 1, 2034.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-138, **amend**  
3 (1)(i)(III), (1)(j), (5)(a), (8.7) and (9); **repeal** (4)(d) and (4)(e); and **add**  
4 (1)(i)(IV) and (5)(e) as follows:

5 **22-54-138. Career development success program - created -**  
6 **funding - report - legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.** (1) As  
7 used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

8 (i) "Qualified industry-credential program" means a career and  
9 technical education program that:

10 (III) Is identified by the Colorado work force development council  
11 as provided in subsection (3) of this section; OR

12 (IV) A CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, A  
13 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, OR ANY OTHER  
14 INDUSTRY APPRENTICESHIP OR PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT IS  
15 IDENTIFIED BY THE COLORADO WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AS  
16 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (j) "Qualified workplace training program" means an internship  
18 program. ~~a construction industry apprenticeship program, a construction~~

1 industry pre-apprenticeship program, or any other industry apprenticeship  
2 or pre-apprenticeship program that is identified by the Colorado work  
3 force development council as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

4 (4) (d) ~~A pupil successfully completes a qualified industry~~  
5 ~~pre-apprenticeship program if the student completes the course~~  
6 ~~requirements of the program with a passing grade and is accepted into an~~  
7 ~~industry apprenticeship program as a registered apprentice.~~

8 (e) A pupil may be reported as successfully completing a qualified  
9 industry apprenticeship if the pupil is accepted as a registered apprentice  
10 in an industry apprenticeship program and employed in the industry.

11 (5) (a) Beginning in the 2017-18 **2023-24** budget year and each  
12 budget year thereafter, the general assembly shall annually appropriate at  
13 least ~~one~~ TEN million dollars to the department of education for the career  
14 development success program. The department shall distribute the money  
15 as provided in this subsection (5).

16 (e) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE A  
17 PARTICIPATING DISTRICT OR PARTICIPATING CHARTER SCHOOL ONE  
18 HUNDRED TWENTY PERCENT OF THE PER-PUPIL AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED  
19 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) FOR EACH PUPIL WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR  
20 FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "RICHARD B.  
21 RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.,  
22 AND WHO SUCCESSFULLY EARNED AN INDUSTRY CERTIFICATE BY  
23 COMPLETING A QUALIFIED INDUSTRY-CREDENTIAL PROGRAM, A QUALIFIED  
24 WORKPLACE TRAINING PROGRAM, OR A QUALIFIED ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
25 COURSE.

26 (8.7) (a) A participating district or participating charter school  
27 shall utilize the money received pursuant to subsection (5) of this section

1 to promote access to qualified industry-credential programs; qualified  
2 workplace training programs; and qualified advanced placement courses,  
3 which may include:

4 (a) (I) Working with local workforce boards to determine the  
5 programs and courses that will help to meet local workforce needs;

6 (b) (II) Communicating with students and the students' families  
7 about the programs and courses in a language that the students and the  
8 students' families understand;

9 (c) (III) Purchasing and maintaining equipment and supplies for  
10 the programs and courses, which may include the cost of examinations  
11 related to such programs and courses; and

12 (d) (IV) Assisting students, including students who are eligible for  
13 free or reduced-price lunch pursuant to the federal "Richard B. Russell  
14 National School Lunch Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 1751 et seq., students with  
15 disabilities, and students who are English language learners, with the  
16 support needed to access and succeed in the programs and courses.

17 (b) A PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PARTICIPATING  
18 CHARTER SCHOOL MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY TO PROVIDE THE  
19 SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (8.7).

20 (9) This section is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2024~~  
21 SEPTEMBER 1, 2034.

22 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
25 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
26 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
27 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
2 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.