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SENATE BILL 15-111

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
102 OF EDUCATION OF MONEYS IN THE EDUCATOR LICENSURE CASH  
103 FUND.

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Moneys in the educator licensure cash fund, which includes educator license fees, are generally subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly for expenditures of the state board of education and of the department of education (department) incurred in the administration of the "Colorado Educator Licensing Act of 1991".

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.*

However, there is an exception to this annual appropriation for the 4 fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year 2011-12, during which time the moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the department for the same purpose. Also, during this time, the department is required to report to legislative committees about its expenditures from the fund and it is required to hire independent contractors, rather than employees, to reduce educator license processing times.

The bill grants the department 3 more years of continuous appropriation authority, and it likewise extends the reporting requirement and the requirement that the department use independent contractors to reduce the license processing times.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-112, **amend**  
3 (1) (b) as follows:

4 **22-60.5-112. Fees - fund - repeal.** (1) (b) (I) Notwithstanding  
5 any provision of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) to the contrary, for  
6 the 2011-12 ~~2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15~~ fiscal years FISCAL YEAR  
7 THROUGH THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR, the moneys in the cash fund are  
8 continuously appropriated to the department to offset the direct and  
9 indirect costs incurred by the state board of education and the department  
10 in administering this article. In each of ~~said~~ THE fiscal years, the general  
11 ~~appropriations~~ APPROPRIATION bill shall, for informational purposes,  
12 reflect the estimated amount of expenditures, including any funding for  
13 personnel, from the cash fund.

14 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11), C.R.S., during  
15 each of the ~~2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015~~ regular legislative sessions FROM  
16 2012 THROUGH 2018, the department shall report to the education  
17 committees of the house of representatives and the senate, or any  
18 successor committees, and the joint budget committee of the general  
19 assembly concerning expenditures from the cash fund and the

1 department's progress in meeting the goal of reducing to six weeks or less  
2 the processing time for issuing or renewing an educator license.

3 (III) For ~~state fiscal years~~ THE 2011-12 ~~2012-13, 2013-14, and~~  
4 ~~2014-15~~ FISCAL YEAR THROUGH THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR, any persons  
5 hired to assist the department in reducing the processing time for issuing  
6 or renewing an educator license shall be independent contractors with the  
7 department, and the contracts for services shall not extend beyond ~~June~~  
8 ~~30, 2015~~ JUNE 30, 2018.

9 (IV) This paragraph (b) is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2015~~ JULY  
10 1, 2018.

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