

SB21-268

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend printed bill, page 17, after line 24 insert:

2 "SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-90-120, **amend**
3 (2) introductory portion, (2)(c), and (4)(a); and **add** (2)(e), (2)(f), and (6)
4 as follows:

5 **24-90-120. Colorado imagination library program - creation**
6 **- request for proposal - state librarian duties - report - legislative**
7 **declaration - definitions.** (2) ~~Subject to available appropriations~~ NO
8 LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2021, the state librarian in the department of
9 education shall contract with a Colorado nonprofit organization for the
10 creation and operation of the Colorado imagination library program. The
11 contractor shall:

12 (c) Develop, promote, and coordinate a public awareness
13 campaign ~~to make donors aware of the opportunity to donate to the~~
14 ~~affiliate program and~~ IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 EDUCATION TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH THE "COLORADO READ ACT",
16 PART 12 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 22, INCLUDING ANY PUBLIC AWARENESS
17 CAMPAIGN FOR THE "COLORADO READ ACT", AND TO make the public
18 aware of the opportunity to register eligible children to receive FREE
19 books through the program; ~~and~~

20 (e) PROVIDE FOR A HIGH-QUALITY INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF
21 THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM ON CHILD AND FAMILY OUTCOMES,
22 INCLUDING CHILD LITERACY AND PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT; AND

23 (f) ESTABLISH A DISTRESSED AFFILIATE FUND USING GIFTS,
24 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO HELP COUNTY-BASED AFFILIATE PROGRAMS
25 THAT HAVE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY MEETING THE COUNTY-BASED
26 AFFILIATE PROGRAMS' FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.

27 (4) (a) The contractor, in operating the program pursuant to
28 subsection (2) of this section, shall pay to the national nonprofit
29 foundation fifty percent of the statewide cost to provide FREE books to
30 eligible children enrolled in the program, as determined by the national
31 nonprofit foundation. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY
32 APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
33 EDUCATION FOR THE STATE LIBRARIAN TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE
34 CONTRACTOR FOR THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE COST TO PROVIDE THE
35 BOOKS.

36 (6) (a) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE
37 FULL FUNDING BY 2026 FOR ANY ELIGIBLE CHILD WHO WANTS PARTICIPATE
38 IN THE PROGRAM.

39 (b) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
40 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE NINE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND ONE

1 HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS FOR THE COLORADO IMAGINATION LIBRARY
2 AND SHALL INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION IN SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS
3 AS NECESSARY TO MEET THE INTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SET
4 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

5 (c) TWENTY PERCENT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE 2021-22
6 STATE FISCAL YEAR, AND TEN PERCENT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE
7 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, MAY BE USED
8 FOR THE CONTRACTOR OPERATING THE PROGRAM FOR DUTIES SET FORTH
9 IN SUBSECTIONS (2)(a) TO (2)(f) OF THIS SECTION."

10 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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