HOUSE BILL 19-1222

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CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAM FEE PAID BY STUDENTS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-95.5-101, amend (2), (3), and (4); and add (2.5) as follows:

22-95.5-101. Definitions. As used in this article 95.5, unless the context otherwise requires:

(2) "Eligible student" means a student enrolled in a high school who is a low-income individual STUDENT, as defined in 20 U.S.C. sec. 6537 20 U.S.C. sec. 9832, and who is planning to take one or more advanced placement exams OR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMS.

(2.5) "EXAM" MEANS AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM OR AN
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAM.

(3) "Grant program" means the accelerated placement exam fee grant program created in section 22-95.5-102.

(4) "High school" means any public school that serves grades nine through twelve and has one or more students who plan to take an advanced placement exam.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-95.5-102, amend (1), (2)(b), (3), and (5) as follows:

22-95.5-102. Accelerated college opportunity exam fee grant program - creation - rules. (1) There is created in the department the accelerated placement exam fee grant program to increase the number of eligible students who take advanced placement exams and international baccalaureate exams and receive scores for which college academic credit is awarded by providing funds to high schools to pay all or a portion of advanced placement exam fees on behalf of eligible students.

(2) The department shall administer the grant program in accordance with state board rules. The department shall:

(b) Determine the amount, based on available appropriations, that will be awarded for each advanced placement exam that will be administered to an eligible student; and

(3) (a) The amount set by the department for each advanced placement exam pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this section must be the same for each exam, regardless of the subject of the exam.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (3)(a) of this section, and subject to available appropriations, the department may award a grant for an exam fee in an amount greater than the amount of a grant awarded for another exam up to the amount necessary to cover the entire fee of an exam. In order to award a grant in a greater amount pursuant to this subsection (3)(b), any grant awarded for a lesser amount must cover the entire cost of the
EXAM FEE FOR WHICH THE LESSER GRANT IS AWARDED.

(5) A high school that receives an award pursuant to this section shall use the entire amount awarded to pay all or a portion of advanced placement exam fees on behalf of eligible students who will take an advanced placement exam in the amount set AWARDED for each exam by the department pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this section.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1(3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless
approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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APPROVED  
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