

EARLY CHILDHOOD / POSTSECONDARY EARLY BILLS

Postsecondary Education Bills:

College Credit For Work Experience

Bill Number: [HB20-1002](#)

Sponsors: B. McLachlan | M. Baisley R. Zenzinger | T. Story

Summary: The bill requires an existing council charged with looking at general education courses to implement a plan for determining and awarding academic credit for postsecondary education based on work-related experience. Furthermore, state institutions of higher education are required to evaluate student learning from work-related experience and award appropriate academic credit for the experience.

Future Educator Pathways Grant Program

Bill Number: [HB20-1015](#)

Sponsors: B. Buentello J. Bridges

Summary: The bill creates the future educator pathways grant program in the department of education to provide grants to local education providers to create future educator pathways programs.

Improve Student Success Innovation Pilot

Bill Number: [SB20-031](#)

Sponsors: T. Story | R. Zenzinger C. Kipp

Summary: The bill creates the improve student success innovation pilot program in the department of higher education to implement a program designed to incentivize collaboration among multiple institutions of higher education to improve student success and increase the number of students who complete postsecondary education.

Amend Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative

Bill Number: [SB20-006](#)

Sponsors: R. Zenzinger | T. Story C. Kipp | M. Baisley

Summary: Allows for more flexibility in what expenses can be made by students using COSI funding.

Expand Adult Education Grant Program

Bill Number: [SB20-009](#)

Sponsors: R. Zenzinger | B. Rankin B. McLachlan

Summary: The bill expands the Adult Education Grant Program to provide grants to adult education providers that enter into an education attainment partnership with elementary and secondary education providers or higher education providers to assist adults in attaining basic literacy and numeracy skills that lead to additional skill acquisition, that may lead to postsecondary credentials and employment, and that assist adults in providing academic support to their own children or to children for whom they provide care.

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Early Childhood Education Bills:

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants

Bill Number: [HB20-1006](#)

Sponsors: J. McCluskie | E. Sirota B. Pettersen | T. Story

Summary: The bill directs the department of human services to design, implement, and operate a statewide program of early childhood mental health consultation.

Increase Quality In Early Childhood Education Programs

Bill Number: [HB20-1016](#)

Sponsors: J. McCluskie | J. Wilson B. Pettersen

Summary: The bill requires the department of human services to provide technical assistance and financial incentives to programs that are rated at a level one or 2 in the Colorado shines system to support the programs in advancing to a higher quality level, and to programs that are rated at a level 3, 4, or 5 to support the programs in maintaining a high-quality level or advancing to a higher quality level.

Helping Others Manage Early Childhood Act

Bill Number: [HB20-1011](#)

Sponsors: J. Wilson | J. Buckner B. Pettersen | T. Story

Summary: The bill creates the "Helping Others Manage Early (HOME) Childhood Act" (HOME Act). The HOME Act consists of 3 components:

- ***A public awareness campaign***, implemented by a third-party entity contracted by the department of human services. The campaign will target those persons connected with early childhood in some fashion, from families to providers, and inform them on what is expected from early childhood providers, what is expected from children by the time they enter kindergarten, and what resources are available throughout the state.
- ***A series of multicounty workshops*** directed at early childhood providers to provide information on best practices for effective early childhood education. The multicounty workshops will also provide information on the requirements and procedures for licensure.
- ***A series of regional workshops*** designed to educate interested providers on how to start an early child care center or preschool, as well as any requirements and procedures for licensure.