



**COLORADO**  
Department of Education

Final Report on House Bill 10-1183:  
Alternative School Funding Models Pilot Program

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## Summary Report per HB10-1183 and C.R.S 22-58-103

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HB 10-1183 created an Alternative School Funding Model Pilot Program which encouraged districts and charter schools to test alternative models of school funding by collecting data to show the effects a model would have if it were implemented. Districts and charter schools had the ability to apply to an advisory council put in place to review applications and recommend applicants to the state board for selection. If selected, the district or school had the ability to seek, accept and expend gifts, grants or donations to offset the costs incurred in participating in the pilot program.

The Program was established to encourage school districts and charter schools to collect data that could be used to compare the effects of alternative school funding models with those of the actual school funding method. It was the intent that such alternative school funding models would address, at a minimum, funding of students:

- Who are significantly at risk of academic failure;
- Who are gifted and talented;
- Who are enrolled in on-line programs;
- Who return to public school after dropping out; and
- Who concurrently enrolled in high school and higher education.

This C.R.S. section is repealed, effective July 1, 2015. The legislation also required upon receipt of any data collected by participating school district and charter schools, that a summary report is submitted to the state board, the governor and the education committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

### CDE Outreach Efforts

The department prepared an application for the pilot program and notified districts of the availability of the program each year through the department's communication vehicle, "The Scoop"; direct letters to superintendents and presentations at various conferences and meetings such as the Colorado Association of School Executives, the Colorado Association of School Business Officials, the Financial Policies and Procedures Committee and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services meetings.

Despite the outreach to districts and charter schools, no applications to participate in the program were received. It was not necessary for the advisory council to take any action since no applications were received.

### Conclusion

Based on the lack of applications to participate in the pilot program, there appears to be no reason to extend the Alternative School Funding Models Pilot Program past the date of repeal, July 1, 2015.