

TOPIC: FY2010 TEACH COLORADO GRANT REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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I. SUMMARY

This agenda item provides the FY2009-2010 report on the Teach Colorado Grant Initiative. Funding for this program is at the discretion of the General Assembly; it was last funded in FY2009-2010. Since there is no appropriation in FY10-11, this is the last report that the Department will provide.

II. BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 08-133 established the Teach Colorado Grant Initiative to give financial incentives to college students to enter the teaching profession and thereby increase the number of teachers in high-need content areas, including but not limited to mathematics, science, special education, English language acquisition, music and world languages. Under the law, the Department of Higher Education is authorized to administer a program of grants to public institutions of higher education, which in turn create scholarships for high-ability students in approved teacher preparation programs who excel in high-need content areas and who demonstrate an interest in or commitment to teaching as a career.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

See enclosed report and summary tables.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

No action required. This is an information item only.

VI. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. §23-3.3-901