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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE COLORADO RESILIENCY**  
102 **OFFICE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill continues the Colorado resiliency office, which administers the resiliency and community recovery program as part of the state's disaster recovery and response functions. The requirement that the office be funded solely through grant funding is repealed, making general funds available to pay for the work of the office. The bill makes an

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

appropriation for the office for fiscal year 2019-20. The office is scheduled for sunset review in 2022.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) In response to floods affecting the state in 2013, the governor's  
5 office created the Colorado resiliency and recovery office by executive  
6 order to coordinate long-term recovery efforts, connect communities with  
7 state and federal resources, and support communities to reduce the  
8 impacts of future disasters. The office was later transferred to the  
9 department of local affairs. The Colorado resiliency office is now integral  
10 to long-term recovery in every disaster.

11 (b) In 2018, the general assembly created the office in statute,  
12 renaming it the Colorado resiliency office, and codified core functions  
13 related to long-term disaster recovery and rebuilding, with a focus on  
14 resilience in preparation for future disasters.

15 (c) The Colorado resiliency office is currently funded solely  
16 through grant funding, with no stable financial commitment to its  
17 functions in disaster recovery. Its current funding through the disaster  
18 emergency fund will expire on June 30, 2019, and will result in the  
19 closure of the office.

20 (d) In the absence of general fund funding, the state will lose the  
21 services the Colorado resiliency office provides in disasters, including  
22 coordinating community and economic recovery efforts across multiple  
23 agencies and supporting risk and vulnerability reduction efforts across  
24 Colorado before and after disasters occur.

25 (2) Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly to

1 reauthorize the Colorado resiliency office and to make regular funding  
2 available through the general fund.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-32-121 as  
4 follows:

5 **24-32-121. Colorado resiliency office - creation - director -**  
6 **repeal.** (1) ~~Subject to available grant funding,~~ The Colorado resiliency  
7 office is created in the division of local government within the department  
8 of local affairs. The head of the office is the director of the Colorado  
9 resiliency office. The director of the division of local government shall  
10 appoint the director of the office in accordance with section 13 of article  
11 XII of the state constitution. The office exercises its powers, duties, and  
12 functions under the division and the department as a **type 2** entity, as  
13 defined in section 24-1-105.

14 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.  
15 BEFORE ITS REPEAL, THE COLORADO RESILIENCY OFFICE IS SCHEDULED  
16 FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

17 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-122, **repeal**  
18 (4); and **add** (6) as follows:

19 **24-32-122. Colorado resiliency office - duties and powers -**  
20 **repeal.** (4) ~~The duties, powers, and obligations of the Colorado resiliency~~  
21 ~~office set forth in subsections (1) to (3) of this section are to be~~  
22 ~~accomplished subject to available grant funding or within existing~~  
23 ~~resources.~~

24 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.  
25 BEFORE ITS REPEAL, THIS SECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN  
26 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

27 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**

1 (23)(a)(XI) as follows:

2 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
3 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
4 **declaration - repeal.** (23) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
5 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2022:

6 (XI) THE COLORADO RESILIENCY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION  
7 24-32-121.

8 **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** For the 2019-20 state fiscal year,  
9 \$249,454 is appropriated to the department of local affairs for use by the  
10 Colorado resiliency office. This appropriation is from the general fund  
11 and is based on an assumption that the office requires 3 FTE. To  
12 implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for the  
13 administration of the resiliency and community recovery program.

14 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.