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SENATE BILL 19-231

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Moreno,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

Education
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO SECOND CHANCE**
102 **SCHOLARSHIP IN THE PURSUIT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR**
103 **YOUTH PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED TO THE DIVISION OF YOUTH**
104 **SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
105 **APPROPRIATION.**

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 creates the Colorado second chance scholarship (scholarship) in the department of higher education for youth previously

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.

committed to the division of youth services in the department of human services.

The bill requires the executive director of the commission on higher education to appoint a program coordinator to counsel and support scholarship recipients.

The bill creates an advisory board to establish the scholarship criteria and select scholarship recipients.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that youth who have been committed face many obstacles upon release from the division of youth services in the department of human services, including homelessness, poverty, issues with school reenrollment, addiction, and unemployment. Financially investing in the educational success of youth involved with the division of youth services in the department of human services has proven to have significant positive impacts on reducing recidivism.

(2) The general assembly further declares the Colorado second chance scholarship created in part 12 of article 3.3 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, is intended to award scholarships for the pursuit of a postsecondary credential and gainful employment for youth previously committed to the division of youth services in the department of human services.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 12 to article 3.3 of title 23 as follows:

PART 12

COLORADO SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP

23-3.3-1201. Colorado second chance scholarship - creation - eligibility. THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION THE COLORADO SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, REFERRED TO

1 IN THIS PART 12 AS THE "SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM". SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
2 APPROPRIATIONS, THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SHALL AWARD
3 SCHOLARSHIPS TO ASSIST PERSONS PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED TO THE
4 DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
5 IN THE PERSONS' PURSUIT OF A POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL. THE
6 ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 23-3.3-1203 SHALL AWARD
7 SCHOLARSHIPS ON A NEED BASIS, BASED ON THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN
8 SECTION 23-3.3-1203 (3).

9 **23-3.3-1202. Program coordinator - duties.** THE EXECUTIVE
10 DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION OR THE
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL APPOINT A PROGRAM
12 COORDINATOR WHO SHALL COUNSEL AND SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP
13 RECIPIENTS BY REGULARLY MEETING WITH RECIPIENTS TO SET EDUCATION
14 AND EMPLOYMENT GOALS AND CONNECT STUDENTS WITH WRAPAROUND
15 SERVICES.

16 **23-3.3-1203. Colorado second chance scholarship advisory**
17 **board - creation - duties - report - rules - repeal.** (1) THERE IS
18 CREATED THE COLORADO SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY
19 BOARD, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "ADVISORY BOARD", WHICH
20 CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE MEMBERS:

21 (a) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES IN THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

23 (b) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON
24 HIGHER EDUCATION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

25 (c) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
26 SERVICES OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

27 (d) THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR OF THE COLORADO SECOND

1 CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP; AND

2 (e) AN INDIVIDUAL PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED TO THE DIVISION OF
3 YOUTH SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THROUGH
4 LIVED EXPERIENCES APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF
5 YOUTH SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

6 (2) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING ON OR
7 BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2019, AT A TIME AND PLACE TO BE DESIGNATED BY
8 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER
9 EDUCATION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE. THE BOARD SHALL
10 MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES EACH YEAR AND SHALL ESTABLISH BY RULE
11 THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP.
12 AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES MUST SPECIFY THE INFORMATION A PERSON
13 SHALL SUBMIT AND THE DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION.

14 (3) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS UP TO TEN
15 THOUSAND DOLLARS TO APPLICANTS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

16 (a) AN APPLICANT'S PRIOR COMMITMENT TO THE DIVISION OF
17 YOUTH SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

18 (b) AN APPLICANT'S DEMONSTRATED DEGREE OF FINANCIAL NEED,
19 BASED ON THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT;

20 (c) AN APPLICANT'S ACCEPTANCE TO AN INSTITUTION THAT OFFERS
21 POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIALS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AN
22 ACCREDITED TRADE SCHOOL, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CERTIFICATE
23 PROGRAM, OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

24 (d) ANY OTHER CRITERIA ADOPTED BY RULE OF THE ADVISORY
25 BOARD TO IDENTIFY PERSONS IN THE GREATEST NEED OF ASSISTANCE IN
26 THE PURSUIT OF ANY POST-SECONDARY CREDENTIAL.

27 (4) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SET THE AMOUNT OF EACH

1 SCHOLARSHIP BASED ON THE PERSON'S DEGREE OF FINANCIAL NEED, THE
2 COST OF ATTENDANCE, THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR THE APPLICABLE
3 BUDGET YEAR, AND THE ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO WILL
4 APPLY TO THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE COURSE OF THE APPLICABLE
5 BUDGET YEAR.

6 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL REPORT ON
7 THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE ANNUAL
8 HEARING PURSUANT TO THE "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE,
9 RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT", PART 2
10 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2.

11 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.
12 PRIOR TO SUCH REPEAL, THE COLORADO SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP
13 PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 24-34-104.

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**
15 (23)(a)(XI) as follows:

16 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
17 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
18 **declaration - repeal.** (23) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
19 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2022:

20 (XI) THE COLORADO SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
21 CREATED IN SECTION 23-3.3-1201.

22 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2019-20 state fiscal year,
23 \$305,145 is appropriated to the department of higher education. This
24 appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that
25 the department will require an additional 0.8 FTE. To implement this act,
26 the department may use this appropriation for the Colorado second
27 chance scholarship program.

1 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
4 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.