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CONCERNING PROGRAMS TO BUILD STATEWIDE CAPACITY TO ACCESS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES WITH A PREFERENCE FOR RURAL AND FRONTIER COMMUNITIES TO SERVE PEOPLE WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

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.)

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.)
The Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons With Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems. The bill establishes and expands programs within the division of housing in the department of local affairs (division) to build the capacity of communities across the state to provide supportive housing services to individuals with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system, including:

- Expanding statewide training and technical assistance to help communities develop and implement supportive housing programs for individuals who have behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system. The program must be targeted to communities that currently face barriers to accessing existing state and federal funding for supportive housing programs.

- Establishing a predevelopment grant program that provides funding to entities working to develop supportive housing interventions for individuals who have behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system. The grant money can be used to add new or additional staff capacity to allow the development and implementation of such programs. The division is required to prioritize applicants that will serve rural or frontier communities and to provide hands-on technical assistance to grant recipients.

- Establishing a supportive housing services and homelessness prevention grant program. Grant money can be used to cover the costs of providing supportive housing services that are currently not eligible for reimbursement through the state's medical assistance program. It can also be used to fund homelessness prevention projects for individuals who have behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system. The division is required to prioritize applicants that will serve rural or frontier communities and provide hands-on technical assistance to grant recipients.

- Developing a plan to increase participation in regional homeless data systems, support accurate data reporting, and
assess housing-related needs. The program must work with regional continuums of care to evaluate how to increase participation in data systems in communities across the state, identify technical needs and associated costs for doing so, and work with communities and stakeholders to integrate or develop an integrated user interface for various data systems related to housing and supportive services. It must also enhance information about best practices and training materials available to communities across the state.

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

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

(a) Colorado is experiencing a homelessness crisis. The 2018 point-in-time estimate of homelessness by the United States department of housing and urban development reported over ten thousand people experiencing homelessness in Colorado. According to the Colorado department of education, over twenty-three thousand students in Colorado schools experienced homelessness at some point during the 2017-18 school year. Even more Colorado residents lack stable housing and are on the verge of homelessness.

(b) The experience of homelessness can be both a cause and a consequence of both mental illness, including substance use disorders, and incarceration and is intrinsically related to both issues. The intersection of homelessness, mental illness, and contact with the criminal justice system is extremely costly to communities both in terms of the financial burdens and the humanitarian toll it imposes on individuals and their communities. These impacts are particularly acute in communities that have a shortage of behavioral and mental health care providers and services.

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(c) According to a 2018 study of homelessness in Colorado jails by the Colorado department of public safety, eighty percent of respondents across facilities reported experiencing homelessness in the year prior, and nearly forty percent reported that they will be homeless after their release from jail;

(d) Of the respondents experiencing homelessness, over sixty percent reported needing mental health treatment, compared with forty-five percent of nonhomeless respondents;

(e) Similarly, the Colorado department of corrections reported in 2017 that over seventy-eight percent of the female inmate population and over forty-three percent of the male inmate population had moderate to severe mental health needs, and the Colorado department of adult parole reported in 2019 that over one thousand individuals were paroling to "unsheltered homelessness" or to "short term, temporary housing";

(f) Studies also show that being homeless is linked to sustained deterioration of mental and physical health and that homelessness can be both a cause and a consequence of having a criminal record;

(g) Safe and stable housing is a foundation for individuals to engage in the process of reentry from the criminal justice system, and provides a base from which individuals can seek employment, focus on treatment, establish a social network, and comply with community supervision;

(h) Supportive housing programs combine affordable housing with access to supportive services tailored to an individual's needs, including, for example, in-reach and outreach, housing search and counseling support, engagement, vocational or occupational training, clinical services, support with daily living activities, and other ongoing
supports. Supportive housing can reduce the cycling of individuals with behavioral or mental health disorders, including substance use disorders, between prison, jail, homelessness, and other public services.

(i) Colorado has made significant investments in nationally recognized housing best practices, including supportive housing;

(j) Unfortunately, not all communities across the state are able to take advantage of the available state and federal funding for supportive housing services due to various barriers;

(k) While the department of health care policy and financing has limited funds for supportive services, current restrictions do not allow the department to cover all the services needed to secure and maintain housing, and it is unable to reimburse nonclinical providers for providing those services;

(l) As a result, communities are not able to provide sustainable, long-term services to the most vulnerable individuals to keep them safely housed; and

(m) Many communities, particularly in rural and frontier areas, do not have nonprofit organizations experienced in applying for grants and implementing supportive housing programs, do not have the programmatic or staff capacity to do so, and need technical assistance to develop evidence-based, innovative solutions that are scaled and tailored to their specific community needs.

(2) The general assembly further finds and declares that it is therefore in Colorado's best interest to provide assistance and create opportunities for communities across the state that are currently unable to access federal and state housing and supportive service funds through training, technical assistance, and grant funding to support the
development and implementation of supportive housing and homelessness prevention services for individuals with behavioral, mental health, and substance use disorders who have been involved with or are at risk of falling into the criminal or juvenile justice system.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-32-726, 24-32-727, 24-32-728, and 24-32-729 as follows:

24-32-726. Training and technical assistance for supportive housing - report - definition. (1) On or before January 1, 2021, the Division shall expand statewide technical assistance to assist communities in developing supportive housing interventions that can serve persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders. The program must:

(a) Provide training, education, and assistance to entities interested in addressing homelessness among persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders, including homeless service providers, law enforcement agencies, first responders, reentry programs, municipal court programs, and other organizations;

(b) Provide programming that is specifically targeted to communities that face barriers to accessing existing state and federal funds for housing and supportive services, including rural communities; and

(c) Focus on building the capacity for communities to:

(I) Develop their knowledge of supportive housing interventions in their region;

(II) Leverage existing state and federal funding sources for housing and supportive services;
(III) Engage and recruit landlords to participate in supportive housing programs;

(IV) Provide landlord-tenant relationship support;

(V) Access and use relevant data systems and services, including using the Colorado Homeless Management Information System and the Coordinated Entry System developed by Continuums of Care in accordance with 24 C.F.R. 578.7 or any successor systems, and participating in the State Medical Assistance Program described in Articles 4, 5, and 6 of Title 25.5; and

(VI) Develop, implement, and evaluate supportive housing program services using evidence-based, innovative approaches, including programs to prevent homelessness among persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system.

(2) On or before August 1, 2021, and every August 1 thereafter, the Division shall submit a report on the training program required by this section to the Legislative Oversight Committee concerning the treatment of persons with mental health disorders in the criminal and juvenile justice systems, or any successor committee, and to the Advisory Task Force to that committee. Notwithstanding the requirement in section 24-1-136(11)(a)(I), the requirement to submit the report required by this section continues indefinitely.

24-32-727. Supportive housing predevelopment grant program - created - rules - report - definitions - repeal. (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
(a) "Fund" means the housing assistance for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice system cash fund created in section 24-32-721 (4)(d).

(b) "Grant program" means the supportive housing predevelopment grant program established in this section.

(2) There is hereby created in the division the supportive housing predevelopment grant program to provide grants to entities working to develop supportive housing interventions that will serve persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system.

(3) (a) Grant recipients may use the money received through the grant program to cover costs associated with the development and implementation of an evidence-based supportive housing program that will serve persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders in the community who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system, including by creating new or additional staff capacity to develop, support, and evaluate the program.

(b) The division shall provide intensive, hands-on technical assistance to grant recipients during the implementation of the grants.

(4) The division shall administer the grant program and, subject to available appropriations, shall award grants as provided in this section. Subject to available appropriations,
GRANTS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE FUND.

(5) The division shall develop and publish policies and procedures in consultation with community stakeholders to implement the grant program in accordance with this section. At a minimum, the policies and procedures must specify the time frames for applying for grants, the form of the grant program application, and the program evaluation and reporting requirements for grant recipients.

(6) To be eligible to receive a grant from the grant program, an entity must:

(a) Be an agency of local government, a special district, a tribal agency or program, a faith-based organization, or a nonprofit or not-for-profit organization that is registered and in good standing with the Colorado secretary of state's office;

(b) Demonstrate proficiency in the areas described in section 24-32-726 (1)(c); and

(c) Satisfy any additional criteria as set forth in the division's policies and procedures.

(7) (a) The division shall review the applications received pursuant to this section. To be eligible to receive a grant, the application must establish:

(I) The community’s need for assistance in overcoming barriers to accessing existing funds for supportive housing programs that serve persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have contact with the criminal or juvenile justice system;
(II) THE COMMUNITY’S POPULATION OF PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND ARE HOMELESS, IN UNSTABLE HOUSING ENVIRONMENTS, OR IN TRANSITION FROM INSTITUTIONS, AND THE COMMUNITY’S NEED AND INTENTION TO BUILD ITS CAPACITY TO SUPPORT THOSE INDIVIDUALS; AND

(III) ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THE DIVISION'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

(b) THE DIVISION SHALL PRIORITIZE APPLICATIONS FROM ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES OR PLAN TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS OR TO RURAL OR FRONTIER COMMUNITIES.

(8) GRANT AWARDS ARE IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(9) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF THE SUCCEEDING TWO YEARS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL AWARD GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(10) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE GRANT PROGRAM TO THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AND TO THE ADVISORY TASK FORCE TO THAT COMMITTEE. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION CONTINUE UNTIL
THE GRANT PROGRAM REPEALS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (12) OF THIS SECTION.

(11) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 39-28.8-501 TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-32-721 TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM. ANY MONEY IN THE FUND AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR DOES NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND. THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION. FOR ANY GIVEN STATE FISCAL YEAR, NO MORE THAN THREE PERCENT OF THE MONEY APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM MAY BE EXPENDED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE DIVISION IN ADMINISTERING THE GRANT PROGRAM.

(12) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024. BEFORE THE REPEAL, THIS SECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

24-32-728. Supportive housing services and homelessness prevention grant program - created - rules - report - definitions - repeal. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) "CONTINUUM OF CARE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN 24 C.F.R. 578.3.

(b) "FUND" MEANS THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS TRANSITIONING FROM THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-721 (4)(d).

(c) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM
ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION.

(d) "STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" MEANS THE PROGRAM
OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED IN ARTICLES 4, 5, AND 6 OF TITLE
25.5.

(e) "SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES" INCLUDES SERVICES
INTENDED TO ALLOW A PERSON WITH A BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TO SECURE AND RETAIN STABLE HOUSING.

(2) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM TO
PROVIDE GRANTS TO COMMUNITIES PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS INTENDED TO KEEP
PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDERS HOUSED.

(3) GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH
THE GRANT PROGRAM TO:

(a) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS
INTENDED TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONG PERSONS WITH
BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IN THE
COMMUNITY WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE
JUSTICE SYSTEM; OR

(b) COVER THE COSTS OF PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING
HOMELESS AND WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE
JUSTICE SYSTEM, IF:

(I) THE PERSON OR ENTITY PROVIDING THE SERVICE IS NOT
CURRENTLY ABLE TO BILL THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING AUTHORIZED TO BILL THE PROGRAM FOR THOSE SERVICES OR IS ESTABLISHING A RELATIONSHIP WITH A REGIONAL ACCOUNTABLE ENTITY OR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION; OR

(II) THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICE BEING PROVIDED IS NOT CURRENTLY Eligible FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(4) THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE INTENSIVE, HANDS-ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GRANT RECIPIENTS DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANTS.


(6) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND,
SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, GRANTS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE FUND.

(7) THE DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. AT A MINIMUM, THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MUST SPECIFY THE TIME FRAMES FOR APPLYING FOR GRANTS, THE FORM OF THE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION, AND THE PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.

(8) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE GRANT PROGRAM, AN ENTITY MUST:

(a) BE AN AGENCY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A SPECIAL DISTRICT, A TRIBAL AGENCY OR PROGRAM, A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION, OR A NONPROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS REGISTERED AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE;

(b) DEMONSTRATE A PLAN FOR COLLABORATION WITH A REGIONAL ACCOUNTABLE ENTITY OR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION;

(c) DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN THE AREAS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-32-726 (1)(c); AND

(d) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AS SET FORTH IN THE DIVISION'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

(9) (a) THE DIVISION SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT, THE APPLICATION MUST ESTABLISH:

(I) THE COMMUNITY'S NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO ACCESSING EXISTING FUNDS FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
PROGRAMS THAT SERVE PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING
HOMELESS AND WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE
JUSTICE SYSTEM;

   (II) THE COMMUNITY'S POPULATION OF PERSONS WITH
BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO HAVE
HAD CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE
PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND ARE HOMELESS, IN UNSTABLE HOUSING
ENVIRONMENTS, OR IN TRANSITION FROM INSTITUTIONS, AND THE
COMMUNITY'S NEED AND INTENTION TO BUILD ITS CAPACITY TO SUPPORT
THOSE INDIVIDUALS; AND

   (III) ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THE DIVISION'S
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

   (b) THE DIVISION SHALL PRIORITIZE APPLICATIONS FROM ENTITIES
THAT PROVIDE SERVICES OR PLAN TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH
SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS OR TO RURAL OR FRONTIER
COMMUNITIES.

   (10) AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING THE GRANT, ALL GRANT
RECIPIENTS SHALL:

   (a) PARTICIPATE IN DIVISION TRAININGS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,
AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND

   (b) USE OR PARTICIPATE IN, AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROGRAM
BEING FUNDED AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL
LAW, THE COLORADO HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM
AND THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY CONTINUUMS OF
CARE OR ANY SUCCESSOR SYSTEMS, THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM, AND EXISTING HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAMS.
(11) Grant awards are in the sole discretion of the
executive director in accordance with this section.

(12) Subject to available appropriations, on or before
January 1, 2022, and on or before January 1 of the succeeding
two years, the executive director shall award grants in
accordance with this section.

(13) On or before August 1, 2022, and on or before August
1 of each year thereafter, the division shall submit a report on
the grant program to the legislative oversight committee
concerning the treatment of persons with mental health
disorders in the criminal and juvenile justice systems, or any
successor committee, and to the advisory task force to the
committee. Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), the
reporting requirements set forth in this section continue until
the grant program repeals pursuant to subsection (15) of this
section.

(14) The general assembly shall appropriate money from
the general fund or the marijuana tax cash fund created in
section 39-28.8-501 to the fund in accordance with section
24-32-721 to implement the grant program. Any money in the fund
at the end of any fiscal year does not revert to the general
fund. The money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the
division for the purposes specified in this section. For any given
state fiscal year, no more than three percent of the money
appropriated from the fund for the grant program may be
expended for the administrative costs of the division in
administering the grant program.
(15) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2027.

Before the repeal, this section is scheduled for review in accordance with section 24-34-104.

24-32-729. Data integration and resource collection related to homelessness. (1) The division shall plan to increase participation in regional homeless data systems, support accurate data reporting by participants, and assess housing-related needs for persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders. The program must:

(a) In consultation with the continuums of care, evaluate how to increase statewide use of the Colorado homeless management information system and the coordinated entry system developed by continuums of care in accordance with 24 C.F.R. 578.7 in order to better track populations in need, including:

(I) Identifying the technical needs and associated costs for increasing use and support of the data systems across the state;

(II) Providing technical assistance and training to local communities to allow them to connect to and use the data systems effectively; and

(III) Working with local communities to identify ways to use the data systems to increase program effectiveness and conduct program evaluations;

(b) Work with local communities, the office of behavioral health in the department of human services, state agencies, continuums of care, service delivery organizations, and other
STAKEHOLDERS TO INTEGRATE OR DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED USER INTERFACE FOR DATA SYSTEMS RELATED TO HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING THE COLORADO HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM, THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAPACITY TRACKING SYSTEM CREATED IN SECTION 27-60-104.5, AND THE COLORADO 2-1-1 COLLABORATIVE, AND ANY SUCCESSOR SYSTEMS; AND

(c) ENHANCE INFORMATION RELATED TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEST PRACTICES, TRAININGS, AND RESOURCES THAT CAN BE ACCESSED STATEWIDE.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-721, amend (4)(c) as follows:

24-32-721. Colorado affordable housing construction grants and loans - housing development grant fund - creation - housing assistance for persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders - cash fund - appropriation - report to general assembly - definition. (4)(c) In addition to any other uses specified in this section, the division shall also:

(I) Provide grants or loans for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of rental housing for persons with behavioral or mental health disorders; AND

(II) IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAMS CREATED IN SECTIONS 24-32-727 AND 24-32-728.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, add (25)(a)(XXII) and (28)(a)(III) as follows:

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative
**Declaration - Repeal.** (25) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2024:

- **XXII** The Supportive Housing Predevelopment Grant Program created in Section 24-32-727.

(28) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2027:

- **III** The Supportive Housing Services and Homelessness Prevention Grant Program created in Section 24-32-728.

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