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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING SUPPORTING AN ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY FOR**
102 **COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
103 **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 requires the Colorado work force development council (council), in collaboration with local work force boards, the department of education, superintendents of local school districts, the state board for community colleges and occupational education, and other postsecondary partners, to design a career pathway for students in the energy sector

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using an existing statutory model for the design and implementation of career pathways.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-46.3-104, **add**
3 (5.5) as follows:

4 **24-46.3-104. Career pathways - design - legislative declaration**
5 **- definitions.** (5.5) (a) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5.5), "ENERGY
6 SECTOR" MEANS CURRENT AND EMERGING ESTABLISHMENTS AND
7 PARTNERSHIPS ENGAGED IN ELECTROMECHANICAL GENERATION AND
8 MAINTENANCE, ELECTRICAL ENERGY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION,
9 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, AND
10 RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION. THE ENERGY SECTOR INCLUDES BUT IS
11 NOT LIMITED TO OCCUPATIONS AND ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE
12 DEVELOPMENT, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF PRODUCTS OR
13 TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AREAS OF CARBON CAPTURE, ENERGY STORAGE,
14 BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION, ELECTRIC VEHICLES, CHARGING
15 INFRASTRUCTURE, HYDROGEN FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY, AND RENEWABLE
16 NATURAL GAS.

17 (b) THE STATE COUNCIL AND PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SHALL CREATE AN
19 INDUSTRY-DRIVEN ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY FOR
20 IMPLEMENTATION BY OR BEFORE THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR. THE
21 STATE COUNCIL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION,
22 INCLUDING CAREER PATHWAY DESIGN, COMPONENTS, IMPLEMENTATION,
23 INDUSTRY REVIEW, AND PROMOTION OF THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER
24 PATHWAY.

25 (c) THE STRENGTHENING PHOTOVOLTAIC AND RENEWABLE

1 CAREERS (SPARC) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, CREATED IN
2 PART 5 OF THIS ARTICLE 46.3, SHALL PROVIDE MONEY AND OTHER
3 SUPPORTS FOR IN-DEMAND AND GROWING OCCUPATIONS IN THE ENERGY
4 SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5.5).

5 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 5 of article
6 46.3 of title 24 as follows:

7 **PART 5**
8 **STRENGTHENING PHOTOVOLTAIC AND**
9 **RENEWABLE CAREERS (SPARC)**
10 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

11 **24-46.3-501. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

13 (a) THE STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SELECTED
14 ENERGY AS A TARGET INDUSTRY FOR CAREER PATHWAY SYSTEMS
15 DEVELOPMENT;

16 (b) THE SELECTION OF ENERGY AS A TARGET INDUSTRY FOR
17 CAREER PATHWAY SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE
18 STATEWIDE GOAL TO POSITION COLORADO AS A LEADER IN THE CLEAN
19 ENERGY ECONOMY BY SETTING A PATH TO REACH ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
20 RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR THE ELECTRIC GRID BY 2040;

21 (c) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED ITS INTENT TO
22 TAKE AGGRESSIVE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE BY REJOINING THE PARIS
23 CLIMATE AGREEMENT, ACHIEVING A CARBON-POLLUTION-FREE POWER
24 SECTOR BY 2035, AND ENSURING THE UNITED STATES IS ON A PATH TO A
25 NET-ZERO ECONOMY BY 2050;

26 (d) IN PASSING HOUSE BILL 19-1261, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
27 ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE, SCIENCE-BASED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

1 REDUCTIONS GOALS OF AT LEAST TWENTY-SIX PERCENT BY 2025, FIFTY
2 PERCENT BY 2030, AND NINETY PERCENT BY 2050, OF EMISSIONS LEVELS
3 FROM 2005;

4 (e) THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF
5 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF
6 TRANSPORTATION, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
7 AND COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RELEASED THE
8 "GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION REDUCTION ROADMAP" IN JANUARY OF
9 2021 TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE STRATEGY FOR EACH SECTOR TO MEET
10 THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS SPECIFIED IN HOUSE BILL
11 19-1261;

12 (f) THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE RELEASED THE "COLORADO
13 ELECTRIC VEHICLE PLAN 2020" TO GUIDE A LARGE-SCALE TRANSITION OF
14 THE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES,
15 INCLUDING A GOAL OF NINE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND ELECTRIC
16 VEHICLES ON OUR ROADS BY 2030 AND NEARLY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
17 OF ALL VEHICLES BY 2050;

18 (g) THE COLORADO AIR QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION ADOPTED
19 THE ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE RULE, ESTABLISHING THE COLORADO
20 ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF
21 ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE STATE, WHICH WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL
22 INVESTMENT IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS;

23 (h) ADDITIONALLY, MORE THAN FIFTY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS
24 THROUGHOUT THE STATE HAVE ADOPTED THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL
25 ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE TO HELP EXISTING BUILDINGS ADAPT TO
26 NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCIES IN NEW
27 CONSTRUCTION;

1 (i) THESE FEDERAL AND STATE COMMITMENTS TO ADDRESS THE
2 CLIMATE CRISIS WILL LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN THE ENERGY
3 SECTOR, WHICH WILL REQUIRE A DIVERSE AND WELL-TRAINED
4 WORKFORCE;

5 (j) FURTHER, LAUNCHING REGIONAL ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS WILL
6 CREATE A FOUNDATION OF STRONG INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP,
7 COLLABORATION, AND INVESTMENT TO SUPPORT AN INDUSTRY-DRIVEN
8 ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY;

9 (k) IN 2019, THERE WERE SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED
10 TWENTY FULL-TIME CLEAN ENERGY EMPLOYEES IN COLORADO. BETWEEN
11 2014 AND 2019 THERE WAS A FIFTEEN PERCENT GROWTH IN ALL ENERGY
12 JOBS IN COLORADO, AND THESE JOBS ARE PROJECTED TO GROW ANOTHER
13 NINE PERCENT FROM 2019 TO 2024.

14 (l) THE STATE MEDIAN HOURLY EARNINGS FOR CLEAN ENERGY
15 OCCUPATIONS IN COLORADO PROVIDES AN ABOVE-AVERAGE LIVING WAGE;

16 (m) MONEY TO PROVIDE TRAINING UNDER THE SPARC PROGRAM
17 SHOULD PRIORITIZE INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY JOB LOSS DUE TO
18 THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC OR DUE TO AN INDUSTRY DECLINE SINCE
19 JANUARY 1, 2019;

20 (n) FURTHER, BLACK COMMUNITIES, INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES,
21 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES HAVE ENDURED
22 THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF POLLUTING INDUSTRIES WITHIN THEIR
23 COMMUNITIES FOR MANY YEARS; AND

24 (o) THEREFORE, WHILE COLORADO BEGINS TO WORK TOWARD
25 EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, THESE POPULATIONS AND
26 COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED FOR TRAINING WITHIN THE ENERGY
27 SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY.

1 (2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT THE
2 CREATION OF AN INDUSTRY-DRIVEN ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY
3 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46.3-104, IMPLEMENTED AND SUPPORTED
4 THROUGH THE SPARC PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS PART 5, IS A
5 SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD ESTABLISHING COLORADO AS A LEADER IN THE
6 CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY, PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AND
7 TRAINING, CREATING HIGH-PAYING JOBS, AND PROTECTING COLORADO'S
8 ENVIRONMENT.

9 **24-46.3-502. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 5, UNLESS THE
10 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

11 (1) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
12 EMPLOYMENT CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-121.

13 (2) "DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-114.

15 (3) "ENERGY SECTOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS DEFINED IN
16 SECTION 24-46.3-104 (5.5).

17 (4) "ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY" MEANS THE ENERGY
18 SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46.3-104
19 (5.5).

20 (5) "SPARC PROGRAM" MEANS THE STRENGTHENING
21 PHOTOVOLTAIC AND RENEWABLE CAREERS (SPARC) WORKFORCE
22 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-503.

23 (6) "SPARC PROGRAM FUND" MEANS THE SPARC PROGRAM FUND
24 CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-505.

25 (7) "STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND
26 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION" MEANS THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY
27 COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION

1 23-60-104.

2 (8) "STATE COUNCIL" MEANS THE STATE WORK FORCE
3 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-101.

4 **24-46.3-503. Strengthening photovoltaic and renewable
5 careers (SPARC) workforce development program - creation - use of**

6 **7 funds.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE STRENGTHENING
7 PHOTOVOLTAIC AND RENEWABLE CAREERS (SPARC) WORKFORCE
8 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AS AN INITIATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE
9 STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND
10 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
11 EDUCATION.

12 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE SPARC PROGRAM IS TO CREATE
13 CAPACITY FOR AND BOLSTER TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP, AND EDUCATION
14 PROGRAMS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY TO INCREASE
15 EMPLOYMENT IN THE ENERGY SECTOR, PRIORITIZING IN-DEMAND AND
16 GROWING OCCUPATIONS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR, WHERE INSUFFICIENT
17 TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS EXIST TO MEET
18 GROWING DEMAND. THE SPARC PROGRAM WILL CAPITALIZE ON THE
19 COMPONENTS OF THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY, INCLUDING
20 COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT, MODULARIZED
21 CURRICULA, INTEGRATED CREDIT AND NONCREDIT PROGRAMS, STACKED
22 AND LATTICED CREDENTIALS, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, AND
23 COMPREHENSIVE, PERSONALIZED STUDENT SUPPORT AND CAREER
24 GUIDANCE.

25 (3) IN ANY STATE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
26 APPROPRIATES MONEY FOR THE SPARC PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT, THE
27 STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND

1 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
2 EDUCATION SHALL USE THE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO EXPAND THE
3 CAPACITY OF TRAINING PROGRAMS AND FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES,
4 AS APPLICABLE, TO SUPPORT APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINING, AND
5 EDUCATION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY:

- 6 (a) CAREER AND TRAINING COUNSELING;
- 7 (b) CAREER AND ACADEMIC EXPLORATION AND PLANNING;
- 8 (c) SCHOLARSHIPS;
- 9 (d) EMPLOYER-PROVIDED TRAINING;
- 10 (e) APPRENTICESHIPS;
- 11 (f) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION;
- 12 (g) WORK-BASED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES;
- 13 (h) NEED-BASED SERVICES;
- 14 (i) TRANSPORTATION;
- 15 (j) EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES;
- 16 (k) RETENTION SERVICES;
- 17 (l) TRAINING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION;
- 18 (m) SPARC PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION,
19 INCLUDING REPORTING ACTIVITIES; AND
- 20 (n) OTHER PURPOSES AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE
21 STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND
22 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
23 EDUCATION THAT ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 5.

24 (4) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT,
25 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD FOR
26 COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE
27 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF

1 FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF
2 THIS SECTION FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN
3 COLORADO, LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS, AND OTHER
4 PARTNERS, INCLUDING COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.
5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE
6 DEPARTMENT, THE STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY
7 COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 HIGHER EDUCATION, AS WELL AS EXPENDITURES OF MONEY FROM THE
9 FUND, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE "PROCUREMENT
10 CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24.

11 (5) (a) SPARC PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OR EXPENDITURES
12 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 5 MUST NOT:

13 (I) CIRCUMVENT ANY STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO
14 THE ACQUISITION OF A PLUMBING OR ELECTRICAL LICENSE OR THE
15 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ACT OF EITHER THE PLUMBING OR ELECTRICAL
16 INDUSTRY OR ANY STATUTE THAT SPECIFICALLY DEFINES ANY RENEWABLE
17 ENERGY WORK AS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF LICENSED PLUMBERS OR
18 ELECTRICIANS OR PROPERLY SUPERVISED APPRENTICES; OR

19 (II) CIRCUMVENT ANY ESTABLISHED INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR
20 ON-THE-JOB TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OR CLASSROOM EDUCATION
21 REQUIREMENTS OF THE ESTABLISHED COLORADO APPRENTICESHIP
22 PROGRAMS REGISTERED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
23 LABOR OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING OR A STATE APPRENTICESHIP
24 COUNCIL RECOGNIZED BY THAT OFFICE.

25 (b) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE SPARC PROGRAM MUST
26 SUPPORT ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT PARTICIPATION IN COLORADO
27 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS REGISTERED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES

1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING OR A STATE
2 APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL RECOGNIZED BY THAT OFFICE AND PRIORITIZE
3 PROGRAMS THAT SEEK TO HELP WORKERS ATTAIN A PROFESSIONAL
4 CREDENTIAL, AN INDUSTRY STANDARD CERTIFICATION, OR A
5 PROFESSIONAL LICENSE.

6 **24-46.3-504. Reporting requirements.** (1) ON OR BEFORE
7 NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR
8 THEREAFTER UNTIL THE REPEAL OF THE SPARC PROGRAM, THE STATE
9 COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND LABOR COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE
12 OF REPRESENTATIVES EDUCATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE BUSINESS,
13 LABOR, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION
14 AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, OR
15 THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST
16 INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY AND ITS
17 IMPLEMENTATION AND THE SPARC PROGRAM, INCLUDING AN
18 ACCOUNTING OF HOW MONEY WAS USED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 5 TO
19 EXPAND OR SUPPORT TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP, AND EDUCATION
20 PROGRAMS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY TO INCREASE
21 EMPLOYMENT IN THE ENERGY SECTOR.

22 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO PRESENT AN EXECUTIVE
23 SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SPARC PROGRAM AT THE
24 DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
25 OF REFERENCE PURSUANT TO THE "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR
26 ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART)
27 GOVERNMENT ACT", CREATED IN PART 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2.

1 (3) FOR PURPOSES OF THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN
2 THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUEST DATA AND INFORMATION
3 FROM ENTITIES RECEIVING OR USING MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR PURPOSES
4 OF THIS PART 5.

5 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE
6 REPORTING REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION CONTINUES UNTIL
7 THE SPARC PROGRAM REPEALS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46.3-506.

8 **24-46.3-505. SPARC program fund - creation - appropriations**

9 **from the fund.** (1) THE SPARC PROGRAM FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS
10 SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND
11 CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO
12 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE
13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND. IN
14 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-36-114(1), THE STATE TREASURER SHALL
15 CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND
16 INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

17 (2) ON JULY 1, 2021, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FIVE
18 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND.

19 (3) (a) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY FOR THE 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, AND 2024-25 STATE
21 FISCAL YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT, THE STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD
22 FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND
24 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PART 5.

25 (b) ANY MONEY APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN A
26 STATE FISCAL YEAR THAT IS NOT ENCUMBERED OR EXPENDED AT THE END
27 OF THAT STATE FISCAL YEAR REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE IN

1 THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR FOR THE SAME PURPOSES WITHOUT FURTHER
2 APPROPRIATION.

3 (c) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE
4 FUND TO PAY THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS INCURRED TO ADMINISTER
5 THE SPARC PROGRAM.

6 (4) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED
7 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND ON JUNE 30, 2026, TO THE
8 GENERAL FUND.

9 **24-46.3-506. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 5 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2026.

11 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal
12 year, \$90,048 is appropriated to the department of labor and employment.
13 This appropriation is from the SPARC program fund created in section
14 24-46.3-505 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use
15 this appropriation as follows:

16 (a) \$68,513 for one-stop workforce center contracts, which
17 amount is based on an assumption that the department will require an
18 additional 1.0 FTE; and

19 (b) \$21,535 for the Colorado workforce development council,
20 which amount is based on an assumption that the council will require an
21 additional 0.3 FTE.

22 (2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$1,724,590 is appropriated
23 to the department of higher education. This appropriation is from the
24 SPARC program fund created in section 24-46.3-505 (1), C.R.S. To
25 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the state
26 board for community colleges and occupational education state system
27 community colleges.

1 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.