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HOUSE BILL 22-1009

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CONTINUING THE WORKFORCE DIPLOMA PILOT  
102 PROGRAM AS THE WORKFORCE DIPLOMA PROGRAM.

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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 workforce diploma pilot program was established in 2019 as a pilot program scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2022. The bill continues the pilot program indefinitely as the workforce diploma program (program). The bill requires the department of education to annually adjust the amounts paid to qualified providers under the program in accordance with the corresponding percentage change in the consumer price index.

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.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-10.3-101, **amend**  
3 (2) as follows:

4           **22-10.3-101. Legislative declaration.** (2) Therefore, the general  
5 assembly declares that by creating a workforce diploma ~~pilot~~ program that  
6 provides Colorado adults with the opportunity to complete a high school  
7 diploma, while transferring the risk to providers who receive performance  
8 payments only when those students meet performance milestones, the  
9 state can better meet its workforce goals for future economic growth.

10           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-10.3-102, **amend**  
11 (3) as follows:

12           **22-10.3-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 10.3, unless the  
13 context otherwise requires:

14           (3) "Program" means the workforce diploma ~~pilot~~ program created  
15 in section 22-10.3-103.

16           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-10.3-103, **amend**  
17 (1) and (5)(a) introductory portion; and **add** (5)(c) as follows:

18           **22-10.3-103. Workforce diploma program - creation -**  
19 **payments - rules.** (1) There is created in the department, in the office  
20 within the department that is responsible for adult education, the  
21 workforce diploma ~~pilot~~ program to provide performance payments to  
22 qualified providers for eligible students enrolled in a qualified provider's  
23 programs who attain certain outcomes, as described in subsection (5) of  
24 this section.

25           (5) (a) Except as provided in subsection (5)(b) of this section, AND  
26 AS ADJUSTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(c) OF THIS SECTION, in any

1 fiscal year in which the general assembly appropriates money for the  
2 program, the department shall disburse payments to qualified providers  
3 in the following amounts for each eligible student's completion or  
4 attainment of the following outcomes:

5 (c) ON JULY 1, 2022, AND ON JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,  
6 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENTS TO  
7 QUALIFIED PROVIDERS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
8 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE  
9 DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, OR ITS  
10 APPLICABLE SUCCESSOR INDEX, PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES  
11 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS. THE DEPARTMENT  
12 SHALL PUBLISH THE ADJUSTED AMOUNT ON ITS WEBSITE NO LATER THAN  
13 JULY 15 OF EACH YEAR.

14 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-10.3-104, **amend**  
15 (1) introductory portion as follows:

16 **22-10.3-104. Program reporting.** (1) On or before August 15 of  
17 each year in which program payments were disbursed for the prior state  
18 fiscal year, each qualified provider that received payments pursuant to  
19 section 22-10.3-103 under the ~~pilot~~ program for the preceding state fiscal  
20 year shall report the following information to the department:

21 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 22-10.3-105  
22 as follows:

23 **22-10.3-105. Repeal of article.** ~~This article 10.3 is repealed,~~  
24 ~~effective July 1, 2022.~~

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