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HOUSE BILL 23-1212

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A NAVIGATOR PROGRAM TO PROMOTE**
102 **APPRENTICESHIPS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

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 directs the office of future of work (office) in the department of labor and employment to create an apprenticeship navigator pilot program (program) with 2 full-time apprenticeship navigators, with each apprenticeship navigator assigned to a different school district selected by the office. The purpose of the program is to increase awareness of registered apprenticeship programs among

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graduating high school students in the selected school districts.

The bill also directs the office to promote apprenticeship programs to high school students by creating and maintaining a web-based job board of apprenticeships and incorporating apprenticeships in the state's career planning tools.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 7 to article 83 of title 8 as follows:

PART 7

APPRENTICESHIP NAVIGATOR PILOT PROGRAM

8-83-701. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS PART 7, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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

(2) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF FUTURE OF WORK CREATED IN SECTION 8-77-110.

(3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE APPRENTICESHIP NAVIGATOR PILOT PROGRAM CREATED BY THE OFFICE OF FUTURE OF WORK IN SECTION 8-83-702.

(4) "RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA.

(5) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 30 OF TITLE 22. "SCHOOL DISTRICT" ALSO INCLUDES A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22 IF IT IS OPERATING A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

1 **8-83-702. Apprenticeship navigator pilot program - navigator**
2 **positions.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, THE OFFICE SHALL
3 CREATE AN APPRENTICESHIP NAVIGATOR PILOT PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE
4 OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF REGISTERED
5 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AMONG GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
6 AND TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EIGHTEEN
7 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE IN
8 REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.

9 (2) (a) THE OFFICE SHALL CREATE TWO APPRENTICESHIP
10 NAVIGATOR POSITIONS WITHIN THE PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

11 (I) ONE APPRENTICESHIP NAVIGATOR MUST BE ASSIGNED TO A
12 RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE SELECTED BY THE OFFICE, THAT DOES NOT
13 HAVE AN ESTABLISHED PUBLIC OR PRIVATE APPRENTICESHIP NAVIGATOR
14 POSITION; AND

15 (II) ONE APPRENTICESHIP NAVIGATOR MUST BE ASSIGNED TO A
16 SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT A RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE
17 SELECTED BY THE OFFICE, THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN ESTABLISHED PUBLIC
18 OR PRIVATE APPRENTICESHIP NAVIGATOR POSITION.

19 (b) EACH APPRENTICESHIP NAVIGATOR IS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE
20 OF THE OFFICE.

21 (3) THE NAVIGATORS SHALL:

22 (a) DEVELOP INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS REGARDING REGISTERED
23 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS TO DISTRIBUTE TO STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND
24 SCHOOL STAFF;

25 (b) HOLD EVENTS FOR PARENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN
26 THE NAVIGATOR'S ASSIGNED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO RAISE AWARENESS
27 ABOUT REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES.

1 (4) TO FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM, THE OFFICE
2 SHALL:

3 (a) UTILIZING THE COLORADO STATE APPRENTICESHIP RESOURCE
4 DIRECTORY ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-83-308, CREATE AND
5 MAINTAIN ON THE OFFICE'S PUBLIC WEBSITE A JOB BOARD FOR
6 APPRENTICESHIPS AND QUALITY PREAPPRENTICESHIPS THAT IS MARKETED
7 TOWARD AND ACCESSIBLE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND

8 (b) EXPLORE WAYS TO INCORPORATE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
9 PROGRAMS INTO THE STATE'S CAREER PLANNING TOOLS, INCLUDING THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S INDIVIDUAL CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLANS
11 GOVERNED BY RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
12 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE
13 STATE CONSTITUTION AND THE MY COLORADO JOURNEY PLATFORM
14 ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
15 CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-101.

16 **8-83-703. Rules.** THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AS
17 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART 7.

18 **8-83-704. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 7 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE
19 JANUARY 1, 2027.

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 8-77-110 as
21 follows:

22 **8-77-110. Office of future of work - study - report.** (1) The
23 office of future OF work in the department of labor and employment,
24 created by executive order B 2019 009, shall, within the scope of the
25 executive order, study unemployment assistance as part of its study on the
26 modernization of worker benefits and protections.

27 (2) ~~On or before January 15, 2021, the office of future work shall~~

1 submit an initial report as directed by executive order B 2019 009 to the
2 governor and to the business, labor, and technology committee of the
3 senate and the business affairs and labor committee of the house of
4 representatives, or their successor committees.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-601, **amend** (7)
6 as follows:

7 **8-83-601. Definitions.** As used in this part 6:

8 (7) "Office" means the office of future OF work described in
9 section 8-77-110.

10 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-136, **amend** (1)
11 as follows:

12 **22-2-136. Additional duty - state board - individual career and**
13 **academic plans - standards - rules.** (1) (a) ~~On or before February 1,~~
14 ~~2010,~~ The state board shall promulgate rules pursuant to the "State
15 Administrative Procedure Act", article 4 of title 24, to establish standards
16 for individual career and academic plans for students enrolled in the
17 public schools in the state.

18 (b) An individual career and academic plan must be designed to
19 assist a student and the student's parent or legal guardian in exploring the
20 postsecondary career and educational opportunities available to the
21 student, INCLUDING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS REGISTERED THROUGH
22 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP
23 OR A STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THAT OFFICE;
24 aligning course work and curriculum; applying to postsecondary
25 education institutions; securing financial aid; and ultimately entering the
26 workforce. As part of the process of establishing the individual career and
27 academic plan, the student and the student's parents must be made aware

1 of the importance of completing the free application for federal student
2 aid or the Colorado application for state financial aid, or successor forms
3 for accessing federal and state financial aid, and be provided help in
4 completing the forms, if requested.

5 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
8 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
9 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
10 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.