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# Final Fiscal Note

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| <b>Drafting Number:</b> | LLS 23-1030  | <b>Date:</b>           | July 19, 2023   |
| <b>Prime Sponsors:</b>  | Sen. Pelton B.; Hinrichsen<br>Rep. Ortiz; Hartsook | <b>Bill Status:</b>    | Signed into Law   |
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**Bill Topic:** COLORADO VETERANS' SERVICE-TO-CAREER PROGRAM

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue                | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer               | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity     |

The bill modifies the Veterans' Service-to-Career Program in the Department of Labor and Employment. For FY 2023-24, the bill extends state expenditures and may increase local government revenue and expenditures.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill extends the repeal of the Veterans' Service-to-Career program (program) in the Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) from January 1, 2024, to July 1, 2024. The bill provides flexibility for the program by no longer requiring that career development services for eligible participants be paid from available federal funding before state funding. Work force center staff must ensure program participants leverage available federal funding. Additionally, the bill clarifies that the CDLE is no longer required to develop an evaluation methodology for program outcomes before awarding grants to work force centers that provide career development services to program participants.

## Background

[House Bill 16-1267](#) created a pilot version of the program, and the program was expanded with [House Bill 18-1343](#). Since its inception, the program has been funded through an annual appropriation from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund (MTCF) to the CDLE.

The [FY 2023-24 Long Bill](#) includes a \$500,000 appropriation from the MTCF to the CDLE for the program. Under current law, unspent appropriations at the end of each fiscal year rolls forward and is available to spend in the next fiscal year.

## **State Expenditures**

Although the bill extends the repeal of the program, it still is still scheduled to repeal in FY 2023-24. Since the FY 2023-24 Long Bill includes an appropriation for the program for FY 2023-24, this fiscal note assumes the bill does not have a net effect on state expenditures relative to current law.

## **Local Government**

The bill increases local government revenues and expenditures for counties operating workforce centers that receive grants from the program.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 6, 2023, and takes effect on August 7, 2023, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties

Labor

Military Affairs