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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CREATING THE CRADLE TO CAREER GRANT PROGRAM.**

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 creates the cradle to career grant program (grant program) in the state department of human services (state department) to provide grants that promote coordinated community-based supports and services that open opportunities for economic mobility from poverty. The grant program must connect children and youth with high-quality educational and extracurricular programming and families with key health and social services in order to improve prenatal and early childhood outcomes, student achievement, and workforce readiness. A local government, local

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1 (2) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE CRADLE TO CAREER ADVISORY COUNCIL
2 CREATED IN SECTION 26-25-104.

3 (3) "DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA" MEANS A GEOGRAPHICALLY
4 BOUNDED LOCAL SERVICE AREA IN WHICH THE CONCENTRATION OF
5 POVERTY MEETS THE LEVEL SPECIFIED IN SECTION 26-25-103 (5)(b)(I).

6 (4) "ELIGIBLE ENTITY" MEANS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A LOCAL
7 EDUCATION PROVIDER, A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AN
8 INDIAN TRIBE OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION, OR A NONPROFIT OR
9 NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.

10 (5) "FUND" MEANS THE CRADLE TO CAREER GRANT PROGRAM CASH
11 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 26-25-107.

12 (6) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE CRADLE TO CAREER GRANT
13 PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 26-25-103.

14 (7) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS:

15 (a) A SCHOOL DISTRICT;

16 (b) A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT
17 PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22;

18 (c) A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER
19 SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22; OR

20 (d) A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED AND OPERATING
21 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22 THAT OPERATES ONE OR MORE
22 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

23 (8) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A STATUTORY OR HOME RULE
24 CITY, TOWN, CITY AND COUNTY, OR COUNTY.

25 (9) "SUBCONTRACTED ENTITY" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT
26 ENTERS A FORMAL PARTNERSHIP WITH AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY RECEIVING A
27 GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 25 AND THAT PROVIDES

1 COMPLEMENTARY COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN THE GRANT RECIPIENT'S
2 DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA.

3 (10) "YOUTH" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-FIVE
4 YEARS OLD.

5 **26-25-103. Cradle to career grant program - created -**
6 **program guidelines and criteria - rules.**

7 (1) THE CRADLE TO CAREER GRANT PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE
8 STATE DEPARTMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IS TO
9 PROVIDE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES TO PROMOTE COORDINATED
10 COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTS AND SERVICES THAT OPEN OPPORTUNITIES
11 FOR ECONOMIC MOBILITY FROM POVERTY. THE GRANT PROGRAM MUST
12 CONNECT CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATIONAL AND
13 EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMMING AND FAMILIES WITH KEY HEALTH AND
14 SOCIAL SERVICES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PRENATAL AND EARLY
15 CHILDHOOD OUTCOMES, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, AND WORKFORCE
16 READINESS AND TO HELP CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAKE SMOOTH
17 TRANSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY
18 EDUCATION SYSTEMS.

19 (2) GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH
20 THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

21 (a) PROMOTING FAMILY STABILITY AND WELL-BEING THROUGH
22 ACCESS TO:

23 (I) SAFE, AFFORDABLE, AND STABLE HOUSING;

24 (II) HIGH-QUALITY CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD
25 PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESSFUL
26 TRANSITIONS TO AND THROUGH ELEMENTARY EDUCATION;

27 (III) ADEQUATE NUTRITION AND HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING

1 MATERNAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE; AND

2 (IV) SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH

3 DISABILITIES;

4 (b) IMPLEMENTING FAMILY-STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SAFETY

5 PROTECTIONS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES, AND

6 INTERVENTIONS THAT ENHANCE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE, PREVENT

7 JUSTICE-SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT, AND REDUCE EXPOSURE TO SUBSTANCE

8 USE, FAMILY CONFLICT, AND CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT;

9 (c) PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC

10 ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR K-12 STUDENTS THAT SUPPLEMENT BUT

11 DO NOT SUPPLANT INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, INCLUDING OUT-OF-SCHOOL-TIME

12 PROGRAMS THAT:

13 (I) FOCUS ON SPORTS AND FITNESS, CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP,

14 OR ARTS AND CULTURE; AND

15 (II) REINFORCE AND COMPLEMENT SCHOOL-BASED ACADEMIC

16 PROGRAMS IN A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT;

17 (d) CONNECTING YOUTH TO QUALITY JOBS AND IN-DEMAND

18 OCCUPATIONS THROUGH POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS

19 PROGRAMS THAT MAY INCLUDE WORK-BASED LEARNING, CREDENTIAL

20 COMPLETION, OR APPRENTICESHIPS, WITH A FOCUS ON HIGH-NEED,

21 IN-DEMAND CAREER PATHWAYS;

22 (e) COORDINATING AND ALIGNING PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES

23 WITHIN A DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF

24 SHARED DATA SYSTEMS; AND

25 (f) LEVERAGING ADDITIONAL FEDERAL, LOCAL, OR PRIVATE

26 FUNDING FOR POVERTY REDUCTION INITIATIVES IN THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY'S

27 DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA.

1 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT
2 PROGRAM AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD
3 GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE 25. GRANTS MUST BE PAID OUT OF
4 THE CRADLE TO CAREER GRANT PROGRAM CASH FUND CREATED IN
5 SECTION 26-25-107.

6 (4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT THE GRANT
7 PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 25. THE STATE
8 DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT THE RULES REQUIRED IN THIS ARTICLE 25 AND
9 ANY ADDITIONAL RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM.

10 (5) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
11 COUNCIL, SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE PROGRAM GUIDELINES,
12 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

13 (I) GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTENT OF AN ECONOMIC MOBILITY
14 NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL FOR SINGLE ELIGIBLE
15 ENTITY APPLICANTS AND MULTIPLE ELIGIBLE ENTITY APPLICANTS
16 APPLYING JOINTLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-25-105 (2);

17 (II) GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSING, APPROVING, AND IMPLEMENTING
18 DIFFERENT GRANT STRUCTURES TO PROMOTE BUILDING CAPACITY FOR
19 DELIVERING, IN AN APPLICANT'S DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA, SERVICES
20 THAT PROMOTE ECONOMIC MOBILITY. GRANT STRUCTURES MAY INCLUDE
21 PLANNING, EARLY IMPLEMENTATION, AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION PHASES
22 FOR SERVICE DELIVERY.

23 (III) PROCESSES FOR AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY TO SOLICIT AND
24 INCORPORATE INTO ITS COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL INPUT FROM
25 ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY PURSUANT TO
26 SUBSECTION (5)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION.

27 (b) IN ADDITION TO THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO

1 SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN
2 COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNCIL, SHALL DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR
3 AWARDING GRANTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING
4 REQUIREMENTS:

5 (I) THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL TARGETS A DESIGNATED
6 SERVICE AREA IN WHICH AT LEAST THIRTY PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH
7 CHILDREN HAVE AN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME AT OR BELOW TWO
8 HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE;

9 (II) THAT THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL
10 PRIORITIZES CONNECTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH HIGH-QUALITY
11 EDUCATIONAL, EXTRACURRICULAR, OR WORKFORCE PROGRAMMING OR
12 FAMILIES WITH KEY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
13 THE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED IDENTIFIED IN THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY'S
14 NEEDS ASSESSMENT;

15 (III) THAT THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY HAS SOLICITED AND
16 INCORPORATED INTO ITS COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL INPUT FROM
17 ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING LOCAL
18 EDUCATION PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS, LOCAL
19 NONPROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, BUSINESSES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
21 LEADERS; AND

22 (IV) THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL RELIES ON
23 EVIDENCE-BASED OR EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICES IN THE DELIVERY OF
24 SERVICES, SUPPORTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES.

25 (c) AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT AWARD
26 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 25 MUST:

27 (I) COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH AND

1 SAFETY REGULATIONS;

2 (II) REQUIRE ITS EMPLOYEES TO SUBMIT TO A NAME-BASED
3 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK;

4 (III) REQUIRE EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY,
5 INCLUDING BONDING OR LICENSURE, FOR EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN THE
6 ELIGIBLE ENTITY'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS;

7 (IV) COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "COLORADO OPEN
8 RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24;

9 (V) DELIVER SERVICES OR ACCEPT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
10 WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, CREED, SEX,
11 GENDER IDENTITY, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MENTAL OR
12 PHYSICAL DISABILITY, ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE, PROFICIENCY IN THE
13 ENGLISH LANGUAGE, OR PAST ACADEMIC OR DISCIPLINARY HISTORY; AND

14 (VI) COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS
15 PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING TITLE IX OF THE FEDERAL
16 "EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972", THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH
17 DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", SECTION 504 OF THE FEDERAL
18 "REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973", AND TITLES VI AND VII OF THE FEDERAL
19 "CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

20 (d) IN ADDITION TO THE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA DEVELOPED
21 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (5)(a) AND (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE
22 DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH TIMELINES FOR SUBMITTING AND
23 REVIEWING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND TIMELINES FOR SUBMITTING THE
24 LIST OF ELIGIBLE ENTITIES CHOSEN TO RECEIVE GRANTS TO THE COUNCIL.

25 (6) THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS ONLY REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT
26 SECTIONS 26-25-103 (3), 26-25-103 (4), 26-25-103 (5), 26-25-104,
27 26-25-105, AND 26-25-106 IF THE SECTIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE PURSUANT

1 TO SECTION 26-25-108. THE WORK OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE
2 BOARD, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
3 25 IS CONTINGENT ON MONEY BEING AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT THIS
4 ARTICLE 25.

5 **26-25-104. Cradle to career advisory council - created - duties**
6 **- repeal.**

7 (1) THE CRADLE TO CAREER ADVISORY COUNCIL IS CREATED IN THE
8 STATE DEPARTMENT.

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10 (2) (a) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

11 (I) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT:

12 (A) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN EDUCATOR WITH EXPERIENCE IN
13 EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION;

14 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A NONPROFIT
15 ORGANIZATION OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH EXPERTISE
16 IN MEASURING CHILD AND YOUTH POVERTY AND IMPLEMENTING POLICIES
17 TO ALLEVIATE IT; AND

18 (C) ONE MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN POSTSECONDARY
19 EDUCATION AND STATE WORKFORCE READINESS INITIATIVES.

20 (II) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT A MEMBER
21 WHO, AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT, HAS BEEN SERVING IN A
22 PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY AT A COLORADO PUBLIC SCHOOL OR SCHOOL
23 DISTRICT FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS, AND WHO HAS HAD DIRECT
24 RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE
25 IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL STRATEGY.

26 (III) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
27 SHALL APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY WHO HAS

1 EXPERTISE IN ECONOMIC MOBILITY ISSUES.

2 (b) IN APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THE
3 APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL CONSIDER ETHNICITY, GENDER, AND
4 GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION TO PROMOTE DIVERSE COUNCIL
5 MEMBERSHIP.

6 (c) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE THE INITIAL
7 APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL NO LATER THAN ONE MONTH AFTER THE
8 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

9 (d) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL WHO IS APPOINTED PURSUANT
10 TO THIS SECTION SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER'S
11 RESPECTIVE APPOINTING AUTHORITY. THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS FOUR
12 YEARS; EXCEPT THAT THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER INITIALLY APPOINTED
13 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS TWO YEARS.

14 (3) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

15 (4) (a) NO LATER THAN TWO MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE
16 OF THIS SECTION, BUT NOT BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE EXECUTIVE
17 DIRECTOR SHALL ORGANIZE AND CONVENE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
18 COUNCIL.

19 (b) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG THE
20 COUNCIL'S MEMBERS TO SERVE FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED TWO YEARS,
21 AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL. A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL IS NOT
22 ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS CHAIR FOR MORE THAN TWO SUCCESSIVE TERMS.

23 (c) THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWO TIMES PER YEAR. THE
24 CHAIR MAY CALL ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE
25 COUNCIL TO COMPLETE ITS DUTIES.

26 (5) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

27 (a) APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ELIGIBLE ENTITIES THAT THE STATE

1 DEPARTMENT HAS SELECTED AS POTENTIAL GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND

2 (b) COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP AND
3 MAKE AVAILABLE GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR
4 AWARDING GRANTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-25-103 (5)(a) AND (5)(b).

5 **26-25-105. Cradle to career grant program - application -**
6 **awards.**

7 (1) TO RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY MUST SUBMIT AN
8 APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES
9 ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. AT A MINIMUM, THE APPLICATION
10 MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

11 (a) A COMMUNITY ECONOMIC MOBILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT:

12 (I) IDENTIFIES THE APPLICANT'S DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA;

13 (II) ANALYZES EXISTING CONDITIONS AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY
14 OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE
15 DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA; AND

16 (III) INCLUDES QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA
17 MEASURING POVERTY, DEMOGRAPHIC DISPARITIES, AND NEEDS WITHIN THE
18 DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA IN CONNECTION WITH EACH OF THE
19 PERMISSIBLE USES OF GRANT MONEY IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 26-25-103 (2),
20 AND SPECIFIES AT LEAST ONE POLICY AREA AS THE FOCAL POINT FOR
21 INTERVENTION;

22 (b) A PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMATION OF A FORMAL PARTNERSHIP
23 WITH OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES THAT CAN PROVIDE COMPLEMENTARY
24 COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN THE APPLICANT'S DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA.
25 THE PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMATION OF A FORMAL PARTNERSHIP MUST
26 IDENTIFY ALL PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTED ENTITIES AND DESCRIBE HOW
27 MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH A GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS

1 ARTICLE 25 WILL BE ALLOCATED.

2 (c) A COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL:

3 (I) TO DEVELOP OR EXPAND COORDINATED COMMUNITY-BASED
4 SUPPORTS AND SERVICES THAT OPEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC
5 MOBILITY FROM POVERTY IN THE DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA;

6 (II) THAT LEVERAGES A PARTNERSHIP PROPOSED PURSUANT TO
7 SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE A COORDINATED
8 CONTINUUM OF SUPPORTS AND SERVICES THAT OPEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR
9 ECONOMIC MOBILITY FROM POVERTY; AND

10 (III) THAT PRIORITIZES CONNECTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH
11 HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATIONAL, EXTRACURRICULAR, OR WORKFORCE
12 PROGRAMMING OR FAMILIES WITH KEY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN
13 ACCORDANCE WITH THE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED IDENTIFIED IN THE
14 ECONOMIC MOBILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO
15 SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (2) TWO OR MORE ELIGIBLE ENTITIES MAY JOINTLY APPLY FOR A
17 GRANT AWARD TO DELIVER SERVICES ON A REGIONAL BASIS AND MAY
18 RECEIVE A JOINT GRANT AWARD THAT IS THE AGGREGATE OF THE
19 AMOUNTS EACH INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBLE ENTITY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED HAD
20 EACH ELIGIBLE ENTITY APPLIED INDEPENDENTLY.

21 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW ALL APPLICATIONS
22 RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SELECT THE GRANT RECIPIENTS
23 AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT
24 AWARD A GRANT WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL, AS
25 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
27 TIMELINES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-25-103 (5)(c), SHALL

1 SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL A LIST OF THE APPLICANTS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE
2 GRANTS. THE COUNCIL SHALL EITHER APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE
3 ENTIRE LIST OF ENTITIES BY RESPONDING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT
4 WITHIN TWENTY DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION. IF THE COUNCIL DOES NOT
5 RESPOND TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT WITHIN TWENTY DAYS AFTER
6 RECEIPT OF THE LIST, THE LIST IS APPROVED. IF THE COUNCIL DISAPPROVES
7 THE LIST, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY SUBMIT A REPLACEMENT LIST
8 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DISAPPROVAL.

9 (5) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD EACH GRANT
10 APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. EACH GRANT IS FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR
11 YEARS. AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS
12 ARTICLE 25 MAY APPLY FOR A ONE- OR TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE
13 GRANT PERIOD.

14 (6) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL BEGIN AWARDING GRANTS
15 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 25 ONLY AFTER THE BALANCE OF THE FUND
16 REACHES OR EXCEEDS NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. SUBJECT TO
17 AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2027, THE STATE
18 DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD AT LEAST TWO GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS
19 ARTICLE 25. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, ON OR BEFORE
20 JULY 1 IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE STATE
21 DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD ADDITIONAL GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS
22 ARTICLE 25.

23 (7) WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, AN ELIGIBLE
24 ENTITY MAY ENTER A FORMAL PARTNERSHIP, AS DESCRIBED IN
25 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, AND SUBCONTRACT WITH AND PAY
26 MONEY RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 25 TO SUBCONTRACTED
27 ENTITIES TO PROVIDE A COORDINATED CONTINUUM OF SERVICES,

1 SUPPORTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE
2 FORMAL PARTNERSHIP. A FORMAL PARTNERSHIP MUST INCLUDE A LOCAL
3 GOVERNMENT, A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, AND A NONPROFIT OR
4 NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.

5 (8) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 25
6 TO THE CONTRARY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO
7 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 25 UNTIL THE BALANCE
8 OF THE FUND REACHES OR EXCEEDS NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

9 **26-25-106. Reporting requirements - performance indicators.**

10 (1) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A SET OF
11 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS TO ASSESS THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY
12 OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS OF GRANTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS
13 ARTICLE 25. INDICATORS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- 14 (I) INCREASED FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY;
- 15 (II) INCREASED HOUSING SECURITY;
- 16 (III) PROGRESS TOWARD EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL
17 MILESTONES, INCLUDING SCHOOL READINESS;
- 18 (IV) LOWER RATES OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, ADJUDICATION, OR
19 DETENTION;
- 20 (V) LOWER RATES OF FAMILY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CHILD
21 WELFARE SYSTEM;
- 22 (VI) IMPROVED K-12 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE;
- 23 (VII) HIGHER RATES OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION;
- 24 (VIII) IMPROVEMENTS IN THE RATES OF COLLEGE READINESS,
25 MATRICULATION, AND RETENTION AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
26 EDUCATION;
- 27 (IX) ENROLLMENT IN WORKFORCE READINESS PROGRAMS; AND

1 (X) POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL ATTAINMENT.

2 (b) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2028, AND EACH OCTOBER 1
3 THEREAFTER, EACH ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH
4 THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT A
5 REPORT THAT ADDRESSES ITS PROGRESS ON THE APPLICABLE
6 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)
7 OF THIS SECTION. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST ALSO INCLUDE THE
8 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

9 (I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED;

10 (II) THE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL
11 SERVED; AND

12 (III) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH THE
13 GRANT PROGRAM AND HOW THE SERVICES MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE
14 FOLLOWING ECONOMIC MOBILITY PRIORITIES:

15 (A) PROMOTING FAMILY STABILITY AND WELL-BEING THROUGH
16 ACCESS TO SAFE, AFFORDABLE, AND STABLE HOUSING; HIGH-QUALITY
17 CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS; ADEQUATE NUTRITION
18 AND HEALTH CARE; AND SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND
19 YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES;

20 (B) IMPLEMENTING PUBLIC SAFETY PROTECTIONS, COMMUNITY
21 ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES, AND INTERVENTIONS TO STRENGTHEN
22 FAMILIES;

23 (C) PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC
24 ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR K-12 STUDENTS THAT SUPPLEMENT BUT
25 DO NOT SUPPLANT INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, INCLUDING OUT-OF-SCHOOL-TIME
26 PROGRAMS;

27 (D) CONNECTING YOUTH TO QUALITY JOBS AND IN-DEMAND

1 OCCUPATIONS THROUGH POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS
2 PROGRAMS;

3 (E) COORDINATING AND ALIGNING PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES
4 WITHIN A DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF
5 SHARED DATA SYSTEMS; AND

6 (F) SUCCESS IN LEVERAGING ADDITIONAL FEDERAL, LOCAL, AND
7 PRIVATE FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC MOBILITY INITIATIVES IN THE ELIGIBLE
8 ENTITY'S DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA.

9 (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2028, AND EACH DECEMBER 31
10 THEREAFTER FOR THE DURATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE STATE
11 DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A SUMMARIZED REPORT ON THE GRANT
12 PROGRAM TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE
13 SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR
14 COMMITTEES, AND TO THE GOVERNOR. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST
15 INCLUDE THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED SINCE THE
16 LAST REPORT, THE AMOUNT OF GRANT MONEY AWARDED TO NON-PUBLIC
17 ENTITIES THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM, INFORMATION ABOUT
18 RELEVANT STAFF CREDENTIALS AND CERTIFICATIONS FOR EACH ELIGIBLE
19 ENTITY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM, AND A
20 SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
21 USED TO ASSESS THE POVERTY-REDUCTION OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS OF
22 GRANTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 25.

23 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE
24 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION CONTINUE
25 INDEFINITELY.

26 **26-25-107. Cradle to career grant program cash fund - grant**
27 **program funding.**

1 (1) THE CRADLE TO CAREER GRANT PROGRAM CASH FUND IS
2 CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF GIFTS, GRANTS,
3 AND DONATIONS CREDITED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF
4 THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY
5 APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.

6 (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND
7 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR
8 THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL
9 TRANSMIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS
10 TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE FUND.

11 (3) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
12 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
13 FUND TO THE FUND.

14 (4) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND ANY STATE MONEY
16 FROM THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 25.

17 (5) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE
18 MONEY FROM THE FUND TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE
19 GRANT PROGRAM.

20 (b) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL
21 NOT APPROPRIATE GENERAL FUND MONEY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
22 ARTICLE 25. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-75-1305, FOR STATE FISCAL
23 YEAR 2027-28 AND ANY SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE
25 PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25. AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL
26 FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25 MUST NOT EXCEED FIFTY
27 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS

1 CREDITED TO THE FUND IN THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR.

2 **26-25-108. Effective date - repeal of article - review of**
3 **functions.**

4 (1) SECTIONS 26-25-103 (3), 26-25-103 (4), 26-25-103 (5),
5 26-25-104, 26-25-105, AND 26-25-106 TAKE EFFECT IF THE DEPARTMENT
6 RECEIVES AT LEAST NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE
7 PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL NOTIFY
8 THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE
9 CONDITION SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) HAS OCCURRED BY
10 EMAILING THE NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV.
11 SECTIONS 26-25-103 (3), 26-25-103 (4), 26-25-103 (5), 26-25-104,
12 26-25-105, AND 26-25-106 TAKE EFFECT UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN
13 THE NOTICE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST NINE
14 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 25 OR,
15 IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT DATE, UPON THE DATE OF THE
16 NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.

17 (2) THIS ARTICLE 25 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2033.
18 BEFORE THE REPEAL, THIS ARTICLE 25 IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN
19 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**
21 **(34)(a)(XIV)** as follows:

22 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
23 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
24 **declaration - repeal.**

25 (34) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
26 for repeal on September 1, 2033:

27 (XIV) THE CRADLE TO CAREER GRANT PROGRAM AND THE CRADLE

1 TO CAREER ADVISORY COUNCIL CREATED IN ARTICLE 25 OF TITLE 26.

2 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
5 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
6 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
7 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
8 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
9 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
10 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
11 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.