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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE SUPPORT OF COLORADANS WITH DISABILITIES, AND,
102 IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE COLORADO
103 DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY AND MAKING AND REDUCING
104 APPROPRIATIONS.

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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. Under current law, the Colorado disability funding committee (committee), a 13-member appointed committee housed within the Colorado disability opportunity office

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(office), is responsible for awarding grants or contracts to entities for programs that assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining or retaining disability benefits and for new or innovative pilot programs that improve the quality of life of individuals with disabilities. The disability support fund (fund) finances the work of the committee and the office. The fund receives revenue from an annual \$25 fee paid for license plates in a retired style and from the sale of unique vehicle registration numbers.

The bill relocates the fund in statute and clarifies that the fund is subject to annual appropriation to support the office. For state fiscal year 2026-27, the money in the fund is also subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly to the department of labor and employment for vocational rehabilitation. On June 30, 2026, the state treasurer is required to transfer \$21 million from the fund to the general fund. By October 1, 2026, the state treasurer is also required to issue a warrant in the amount of \$523,343 from the fund to the Colorado disability funding authority (authority), which is a newly created special purpose authority. Beginning on October 1, 2026, the bill also replaces the \$25 annual fee paid for license plates in a retired style with a one-time and annual donation of \$22.50 remitted to the authority and a one-time and annual fee of \$2.50 credited to the fund.

The bill requires that any grant or contract awarded by the committee be completed by July 1, 2027, and repeals the committee on July 1, 2027. The bill reassigns the committee's responsibilities for administering the sale of unique vehicle registration numbers to the office. The office may contract with one or more public or private entities to implement the marketplace and sale of unique vehicle registration numbers and to perform any of the related duties assigned to the office. The office may use the money collected from the sale of unique vehicle registration numbers to pay the contracting entity for their services.

Beginning on July 1, 2027, the bill makes the authority responsible for many of the committee's previous grantmaking responsibilities, as well as other grantmaking responsibilities relating to programs that assist individuals with disabilities. The authority is governed by a board made up of 13 members appointed by the governor, the majority of whom are individuals with disabilities, individuals with immediate family members with disabilities, or individuals who are caregivers to a family member with a disability. In making the appointments, the governor must ensure that the authority board has members with experience in or knowledge of:

- Business and business management;
- Nonprofit entities and managing nonprofit entities;
- Advocacy for individuals with disabilities;
- The practice of medicine, with experience working with individuals with disabilities; and
- The practice of law, with experience working with individuals with disabilities.

The authority is required to invite nonprofit entities, independent living centers, county departments of human services, county departments of social services, and other state and county agencies to submit proposals for programs to aid individuals with disabilities in accessing disability benefits. Beginning on July 1, 2027, the authority is required to award a contract or grant to one or more of the entities that submitted program proposals. When adequate funding is available, the authority may also accept and review proposals to fund projects or programs that study or pilot new and innovative ideas that will lead to an improved quality of life or increased independence for individuals with disabilities. When adequate funding is available, the authority may also make grants or develop, implement, or deliver education programs concerning reserved parking that is available to an individual with a disability affecting mobility.

On or before December 1, 2027, and on or before each December 1 thereafter, the authority is required to prepare and submit a financial and performance report to the joint budget committee of the general assembly. In addition to this annual report, the state auditor may also be required to conduct or cause to be conducted postaudits of the authority.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-101, **amend** (3)
3 and (8); **repeal** (2); and **add** (3.5), (3.7), and (4.5) as follows:

4 **8-88-101. Definitions.**

5 As used in this article 88:

6 (2) "~~Committee~~" means the Colorado disability funding committee
7 ~~created in section 8-88-202.~~

8 (3) "Contract entity" means an entity the ~~committee~~ CDOO
9 contracts with pursuant to ~~section 8-88-206 (5)~~ SECTION 8-88-105 (4)(d)
10 to implement ~~section 8-88-206~~ SECTION 8-88-105.

11 (3.5) "COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY" OR
12 "AUTHORITY" MEANS THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY
13 CREATED IN PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE 88.

14 (3.7) "COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY BOARD" OR

1 "AUTHORITY BOARD" MEANS THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING
2 AUTHORITY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301 (2).

3 (4.5) "DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH
4 IN SECTION 42-1-102 (24).

5 (8) "Fund" means the disability support fund created in ~~section~~
6 ~~8-88-205~~ SECTION 8-88-104.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-102.5, **amend**
8 (3) as follows:

9 **8-88-102.5. Comprehensive community integration plan for**
10 **individuals with disabilities - review and assessment.**

11 (3) Money for the CDOO to develop, review, and update the plan
12 is limited to the money in the ~~disability support fund, created in section~~
13 ~~8-88-205~~, and the general assembly shall not appropriate any money from
14 the general fund for that purpose.

15 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 8-88-103 as
16 follows:

17 **8-88-103. Appropriation - gifts, grants, and donations.**

18 The general assembly shall appropriate money from the fund or
19 from any other available source to the department for use by the CDOO
20 for the purposes specified in this ~~article 88~~ PART 1. The CDOO may seek,
21 accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from private or public
22 sources for the purposes of this ~~article 88~~ PART 1.

23 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended**
24 **and relocated provisions** 8-88-104 as follows:

25 **8-88-104. [Formerly 8-88-205] Disability support fund -**
26 **registration number account - repeal.**

27 (1) (a) ~~There~~ THE DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND is created in the state

1 treasury. ~~the disability support fund, which~~ THE FUND consists of money
2 that may be appropriated or transferred to the fund by the general
3 assembly; and any gifts, grants, or donations received by the department
4 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS CREDITED TO THE FUND AND ANY OTHER
5 MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER
6 TO THE FUND for the purpose of implementing this article 88.

7 (b) THERE IS CREATED THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ACCOUNT
8 WITHIN THE FUND, WHICH CONSISTS OF REVENUE COLLECTED FROM THE
9 SALE OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS PURSUANT TO
10 SECTION 8-88-105. THE MONEY IN THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ACCOUNT
11 IS:

12 (I) CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE CDOO TO PAY THE
13 CONTRACTING ENTITY FOR THEIR SERVICES IN IMPLEMENTING SECTION
14 8-88-105; AND

15 (II) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PART 1.

18 (2) The money in the fund is subject to annual appropriation by
19 the general assembly for the direct and indirect costs associated with the
20 implementation of this article 88. ~~Any money in the fund not expended~~
21 ~~for the purpose of this section may be invested by the state treasurer as~~
22 ~~provided by law.~~ THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT all interest and
23 income derived from the investment and deposit of money in the fund
24 must be credited to the fund. ~~Any unexpended and unencumbered money~~
25 ~~remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the fund~~
26 ~~for use as provided in this article 88 and must not be credited or~~
27 ~~transferred to the general fund or another fund. If this section is repealed,~~

1 ~~prior to its repeal, all unexpended and unencumbered money remaining~~
2 ~~in the fund must be transferred to the general fund.~~

3 (3) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (2) OF
4 THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027,
5 SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE
6 DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR VOCATIONAL
7 REHABILITATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 84 OF THIS TITLE 8.

8 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

9 (4) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (2) OF
10 THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE STATE
11 TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER TWENTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
12 FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

13 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

14 (5) (a) BY OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ISSUE
15 A WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND
16 THREE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS TO THE COLORADO DISABILITY
17 FUNDING AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301, TO BE PAID FROM
18 THE FUND.

19 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,
20 2027.

21 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended**
22 **and relocated provisions** section 8-88-105 as follows:

23 **8-88-105. [Formerly 8-88-206] Sale of registration numbers**
24 **for license plates - license to buy and sell - market for - royalty**
25 **payment - administration - third-party contracting entity.**

26 (1) (a) The state or a person may sell, and the state or a person
27 may purchase, the exclusive right to use a registration number selected by

1 the ~~committee~~ CDOO under subsection (2) of this section for the purpose
2 of registering a vehicle under article 3 of title 42.

3 (b) The right to use a registration number is a license, the use of
4 which is subject to compliance with this ~~part 2~~ SECTION. The duration of
5 the license is determined by the ~~committee~~ CDOO.

6 (2) (a) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall raise money by selling to a
7 buyer the right to use valuable letter and number combinations for a
8 registration number.

9 (b) (I) ~~The committee shall study the market to determine which~~
10 ~~registration numbers are the most valuable. Based on the study, the~~
11 ~~committee~~ CDOO shall select the ~~most valuable~~ registration numbers and
12 request the department of revenue to verify whether plates with the
13 registration numbers are currently issued. The ~~committee~~ CDOO and the
14 department of revenue shall enter into an agreement establishing a
15 process for requesting registration numbers, including specifying the
16 frequency of these requests.

17 (II) Upon receiving the ~~committee's~~ CDOO's request, the
18 department of revenue shall verify whether the plates are currently issued.
19 For purposes of this subsection (2)(b), a plate that expires due to the
20 operation of section 42-3-115 (5)(a) is considered currently issued until
21 the expiration of the right of the owner of the motor vehicle to which the
22 expired plate was affixed to apply to use the registration number of the
23 expired plate when registering another motor vehicle. If the plate is not
24 currently issued, the department of revenue shall reserve the registration
25 number until the ~~committee~~ CDOO notifies the department of revenue to
26 release the registration number.

27 (III) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall establish a process for

1 determining the value of all configurations of registration numbers
2 reserved by the ~~committee~~ CDOO. The pricing and manner of sale must
3 follow the established process.

4 (IV) If a registration number is not currently issued, the ~~committee~~
5 CDOO may sell the right to use the registration number in a manner
6 calculated to bring the highest price; except that the department of
7 revenue may deny the sale or use of a registration number that is
8 offensive or inappropriate.

9 (3) (a) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall raise revenue by creating a
10 market, which may include an online site, for the resale of license plate
11 configurations of registration numbers using methods that are
12 commercially reasonable, account for expenditures, and ensure the
13 collection of the state's approval and transfer royalty.

14 (b) The royalty for the state's approval and transfer of the right to
15 use a registration number is twenty-five percent of the sale price of the
16 transfer. At the time of sale, the purchaser shall pay the royalty to the
17 ~~committee~~ CDOO. This payment is in addition to and not in lieu of the
18 normal registration fees, sales or use taxes, or specific ownership tax.

19 (c) A person shall not sell a registration number, and the
20 department of revenue shall not assign a registration number, as a result
21 of the right to use the number being sold to a vehicle unless the
22 registration number was sold using the market created ~~by the committee~~
23 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

24 (4) (a) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall notify the department of
25 revenue when the right to use a registration number has been sold and the
26 ~~committee~~ CDOO has collected the state's sale proceeds or approval and
27 transfer royalty. Upon receiving the notice, the department of revenue

1 shall create a record in Colorado DRIVES, created in section 42-1-211,
2 containing the name of the buyer; the vehicle identification number, if
3 applicable; and the corresponding registration number.

4 (b) If the registration number consists of a combination of letters
5 and numbers that is not within the normal format of a license plate
6 currently produced for the department of revenue, the department of
7 revenue shall issue the plates as personalized plates under section
8 42-3-211; except that, notwithstanding section 42-3-211, the ~~committee~~
9 CDOO may sell, and the buyer or any subsequent buyer may use:

10 (I) A registration number or letter of one position; or

11 (II) Any symbol on the standard American keyboard or approved
12 by the ~~committee~~ CDOO.

13 (c) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall transfer the money collected
14 ~~under this part 2~~ PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION to the state treasurer, who
15 shall credit the money to THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ACCOUNT WITHIN
16 the fund; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE CDOO CONTRACTS WITH ONE OR MORE
17 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(d) OF THIS
18 SECTION TO IMPLEMENT AND PERFORM ANY OF THE CDOO'S DUTIES
19 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE CDOO MAY USE THE MONEY COLLECTED
20 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO PAY THE CONTRACTING ENTITY FOR THEIR
21 SERVICES.

22 (d) The ~~committee~~ CDOO may contract with one or more public
23 or private entities to implement this ~~part 2~~ SECTION AND PERFORM ANY OF
24 THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE CDOO PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

25 (e) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(c) OF THIS SECTION,
26 any revenue received by the ~~committee~~ CDOO from the sale of
27 registration numbers shall MUST be deposited in the fund.

1 (5) THE SALE OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS
2 AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION IS A PROPERTY SALE AND, THEREFORE,
3 REVENUE RECEIVED DUE TO THIS SALE OF PROPERTY DOES NOT
4 CONSTITUTE STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
5 24-77-102 (17), FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE
6 CONSTITUTION.

7 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-203, **amend**
8 (2)(a)(I) as follows:

9 **8-88-203. Program to assist individuals to obtain disability**
10 **benefits.**

11 (2) (a) (I) The committee shall review the proposed programs and
12 shall award a contract or grant to one or more of the entities that best
13 meet the requirements of this section. A CONTRACT OR GRANT AWARDED
14 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1, 2027.

15 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-204, **amend** (1)
16 as follows:

17 **8-88-204. Program to investigate, fund, and pilot projects or**
18 **programs to benefit individuals with disabilities.**

19 (1) When adequate funding is available, the committee shall
20 accept and review proposals to fund projects or programs, or both, that
21 study or pilot new and innovative ideas that will lead to an improved
22 quality of life or increased independence for individuals with disabilities.
23 Proposals may be accepted throughout the year, and grants may be made
24 by the committee at its regular meetings. The fund is the sole source of
25 money for any grants made pursuant to this section. A CONTRACT OR
26 GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY
27 JULY 1, 2027.

1 (II) IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ENSURE
2 THAT THE AUTHORITY BOARD HAS MEMBERS WITH EXPERIENCE IN OR
3 KNOWLEDGE OF:

4 (A) BUSINESS AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT;

5 (B) NONPROFIT ENTITIES AND MANAGING NONPROFIT ENTITIES;

6 (C) ADVOCACY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

7 (D) THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH
8 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

9 (E) THE PRACTICE OF LAW, WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH
10 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

11 (III) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN
12 SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, WHEN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO
13 THE AUTHORITY BOARD, THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE REASONABLE
14 EFFORTS TO APPOINT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS WHO REFLECT THE
15 GEOGRAPHIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE, INCLUDING
16 AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS FROM RURAL AND URBAN AREAS OF THE
17 STATE AND FROM DIVERSE SOCIOECONOMIC STATUSES AND POLITICAL,
18 RACIAL, ABILITY, AND CULTURAL GROUPS.

19 (IV) MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD SERVE THREE-YEAR
20 TERMS; EXCEPT THAT THE TERMS MUST BE STAGGERED SO THAT NO MORE
21 THAN FIVE MEMBERS' TERMS EXPIRE IN THE SAME YEAR. THE GOVERNOR
22 SHALL NOT APPOINT A MEMBER FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE
23 TERMS.

24 (b) (I) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE INITIAL AUTHORITY
25 BOARD MEMBERS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2026. IN MAKING THE
26 INITIAL APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INDICATE THE INITIAL
27 TERM LENGTH OF EACH INITIAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER TO ENSURE

1 THAT THE TERMS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS
2 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION.

3 (II) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE INITIAL
4 AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS THE INITIAL CHAIR OF THE
5 AUTHORITY BOARD. THE INITIAL CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY
6 ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER MATTERS RELATED TO THE INITIAL START UP
7 OF THE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING STAFFING, LEGAL SERVICES, AND
8 COORDINATION WITH THE CDOO. ANY CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE
9 INITIAL CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MUST HAVE AN INITIAL TERM
10 ENDING ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2027, AND MUST BE REVIEWED BY
11 THE AUTHORITY BOARD AT ITS FIRST MEETING.

12 (c) A MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE AUTHORITY BOARD
13 BY:

14 (I) MAJORITY VOTE OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD FOR MISFEASANCE,
15 MALFEASANCE, WILLFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY, OR OTHER CAUSE AFTER
16 NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING, UNLESS NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING
17 ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED IN WRITING BY THE MEMBER AT RISK OF BEING
18 REMOVED; OR

19 (II) THE GOVERNOR FOR CAUSE.

20 (d) (I) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE GOVERNOR'S INITIAL
21 APPOINTMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
22 (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE INITIAL CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD AS
23 DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL SET DATES FOR THE FIRST AND
24 SECOND MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD. THE AUTHORITY BOARD
25 SHALL HOLD THE FIRST AND SECOND MEETINGS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER
26 31, 2026. THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY ELECT A NEW CHAIR AT EITHER ITS
27 FIRST OR SECOND MEETING. IF THE AUTHORITY BOARD DOES NOT ELECT A

1 NEW CHAIR, THE INITIAL CHAIR AS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL
2 SERVE IN THAT ROLE UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD
3 IN CALENDAR YEAR 2028.

4 (II) THE AUTHORITY BOARD SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND A
5 VICE-CHAIR AT ITS FIRST MEETING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, BEGINNING
6 IN CALENDAR YEAR 2028. THE CHAIR SHALL SCHEDULE THE MEETINGS OF
7 THE AUTHORITY BOARD.

8 (III) THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY ELECT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS
9 AS SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND ELECT OR APPOINT OTHER OFFICERS
10 AS THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY DETERMINE AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR
11 DUTIES AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

12 (e) MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD SERVE WITHOUT
13 COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE
14 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, UPON
15 APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD AFTER PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION
16 SUPPORTING THE REIMBURSEMENT.

17 (f) MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY
18 AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AND MAY VOTE USING A
19 TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE, INCLUDING A CONFERENCE TELEPHONE,
20 VIDEO CONFERENCE, OR SIMILAR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. A
21 MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD WHO PARTICIPATES IN AN AUTHORITY
22 BOARD MEETING USING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE IS CONSIDERED
23 PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

24 (g) (I) THE AUTHORITY BOARD SHALL ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF
25 PROCEDURE AND KEEP A RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS AND ACTS.

26 (II) (A) ALL AUTHORITY BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE
27 PUBLIC AND THE AUTHORITY BOARD SHALL COMPLY WITH THE OPEN

1 MEETINGS REQUIREMENTS OF A STATE PUBLIC BODY AS SET FORTH IN
2 SECTION 24-6-402.

3 (B) ALL PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD ARE SUBJECT
4 TO THE "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE
5 24.

6 (III) EVERY LEGISLATIVE ACT OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD OF A
7 GENERAL OR PERMANENT NATURE MUST BE BY RESOLUTION. ALL
8 RESOLUTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MUST BE RECORDED AND
9 AUTHENTICATED BY THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, OR
10 SECRETARY OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD.

11 (h) ANY AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR
12 ADVISOR OF THE AUTHORITY WHO HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN
13 ANY CONTRACT, GRANT, TRANSACTION, OR PROPOSAL BEFORE THE
14 AUTHORITY OR ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN AN ENTITY THAT
15 SUBMITS A PROPOSAL TO THE AUTHORITY SHALL DISCLOSE THEIR INTEREST
16 TO THE AUTHORITY. THE AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE,
17 AGENT, OR ADVISOR OF THE AUTHORITY WHO HAS THE DIRECT OR
18 INDIRECT INTEREST SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION TO APPROVE,
19 AUTHORIZE, OR FUND THE RELEVANT CONTRACT, GRANT, TRANSACTION,
20 OR PROPOSAL.

21 (i) AN ACT OF THE AUTHORITY IS VOID UNLESS A MAJORITY OF THE
22 APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD HAS VOTED IN FAVOR OF
23 THE ACT.

24 (3) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS THE LEGAL ADVISOR OF AND
25 COUNSEL TO THE AUTHORITY.

26 (4) EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE EXEMPT FROM THE STATE
27 PERSONNEL SYSTEM BUT ARE, BY ACCEPTANCE OF EMPLOYMENT, SUBJECT

1 TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 51 OF TITLE 24. THE AUTHORITY SHALL
2 PROVIDE FOR THE DEDUCTION OF EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE
3 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SALARY AND FOR PAYMENT TO THE PUBLIC
4 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION, CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION
5 24-51-201, OF DEDUCTIONS AND ANY OTHER PAYMENTS THAT WOULD BE
6 DUE FROM A STATE EMPLOYER.

7 (5) THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE BASED ON RACE,
8 CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, RELIGION, SEX, GENDER,
9 SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, MARITAL
10 STATUS, FAMILIAL STATUS, MILITARY STATUS, OR DISABILITY.

11 (6) (a) THE INCOME, REVENUE, AND INTEREST THEREON OF THE
12 AUTHORITY AND ALL PROPERTY AT ANY TIME OWNED BY THE AUTHORITY
13 ARE EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXATION, REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
14 TAXATION, AND ALL OTHER TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS IN THE STATE.
15 THE PURCHASE AND USE OF PROPERTY BY OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
16 AUTHORITY IS EXEMPT FROM SALES AND USE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE
17 STATE, A COUNTY, A CITY AND COUNTY, A CITY, ANY OTHER POLITICAL
18 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. THE
19 AUTHORITY MAY AGREE TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF PROPERTY OR
20 SALES AND USE TAXES TO THE STATE, A COUNTY, A CITY AND COUNTY, A
21 CITY, ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR LOCAL
22 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

23 (b) A GIFT, DONATION, OR CONTRIBUTION TO OR FOR THE USE OF
24 THE AUTHORITY FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
25 AUTHORITY IS TREATED AS A GIFT TO A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE
26 STATE MADE EXCLUSIVELY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

27 (7) THE AUTHORITY AND ITS CORPORATE EXISTENCE CONTINUES

1 UNTIL TERMINATED BY LAW; EXCEPT THAT NO SUCH LAW MAY TAKE
2 EFFECT SO LONG AS THE AUTHORITY HAS OBLIGATIONS OUTSTANDING,
3 UNLESS ADEQUATE PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE
4 OBLIGATIONS. UPON TERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE AUTHORITY,
5 ALL ITS RIGHTS AND PROPERTIES IN EXCESS OF ITS OBLIGATIONS PASS TO
6 AND ARE VESTED IN THE STATE.

7 **8-88-302. Colorado disability funding authority - powers and**
8 **duties.**

9 (1) THE AUTHORITY HAS AND MAY EXERCISE ALL RIGHTS AND
10 POWERS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO, OR IMPLIED FROM, THE SPECIFIC
11 POWERS GRANTED IN THIS PART 3, WHICH SPECIFIC POWERS SHALL NOT BE
12 CONSIDERED AS A LIMITATION UPON ANY POWER NECESSARY OR
13 APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS PART 3.
14 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS GRANTED TO THE AUTHORITY IN THIS
15 PART 3, THE AUTHORITY HAS THE DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES,
16 RIGHTS, LIABILITIES, AND DISABILITIES OF A BODY CORPORATE AND
17 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE AND THE DUTIES AND POWERS TO:

- 18 (a) HAVE PERPETUAL EXISTENCE AND SUCCESSION;
- 19 (b) ADOPT, HAVE, AND USE A SEAL AND TO ALTER THE SEAL AT ITS
20 PLEASURE;
- 21 (c) SUE AND BE SUED AND OTHERWISE ASSERT OR DEFEND THE
22 AUTHORITY'S LEGAL INTERESTS;
- 23 (d) FIX THE TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH MEETINGS MAY BE HELD;
- 24 (e) MAKE BUSINESS DECISIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART 3;
- 25 (f) MAKE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND OTHER
26 INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT IN THE EXERCISE OF THE
27 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3;

1 (g) PURCHASE, LEASE, LEASE WITH AN OPTION TO PURCHASE,
2 TRADE, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE, MAINTAIN, HOLD, IMPROVE,
3 MORTGAGE, ENCUMBER, AND DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL
4 PROPERTY, WHETHER TANGIBLE OR INTANGIBLE, AND ANY INTEREST,
5 INCLUDING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WITHOUT RESTRICTION OR
6 LIMITATION;

7 (h) ACQUIRE OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, SUPPLIES, AND
8 INSURANCE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3;

9 (i) APPOINT OR CONTRACT WITH AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND
10 PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS, AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE NECESSARY IN
11 THE AUTHORITY'S JUDGMENT TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART
12 3, AND TO FIX THE COMPENSATION AND ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF SUCH
13 AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ADVISERS;

14 (j) DEPOSIT ANY MONEY OF THE AUTHORITY IN ANY BANKING
15 INSTITUTION OR IN ANY DEPOSITORY AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION
16 24-75-603, AND TO APPOINT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING SUCH
17 DEPOSITS, ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS CUSTODIANS OF THE
18 AUTHORITY'S MONEY; AND

19 (k) CONTRACT FOR AND TO SEEK AND ACCEPT ANY GIFTS, GRANTS,
20 OR DONATIONS AND LOANS OF FUNDS, PROPERTY, OR ANY OTHER AID IN
21 ANY FORM FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, ANY STATE
22 AGENCY, ANY OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE, OR ANY COMBINATION
23 THEREOF, AND TO COMPLY, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 3,
24 WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CONTRACTS OR THE
25 ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH ITEMS.

26 (2) (a) THE AUTHORITY MAY ACCEPT ONE-TIME AND ANNUAL
27 DONATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR A LICENSE PLATE IN A RETIRED STYLE

1 PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-206.5. FOR THE PURPOSE OF MINIMIZING
2 COMPLIANCE COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR
3 THE AUTHORITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL COLLECT THE
4 DONATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY. THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 REVENUE SHALL NOT TRANSMIT THE COLLECTED DONATIONS TO THE STATE
6 TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT TO ANY STATE FUND BUT SHALL INSTEAD REMIT
7 THE DONATIONS COLLECTED TO THE AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
8 THE PROCESS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2). ONE-TIME
9 AND ANNUAL DONATIONS COLLECTED AND REMITTED TO THE AUTHORITY
10 DO NOT CONSTITUTE STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED IN
11 SECTION 24-77-102 (17), FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF
12 THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

13 (b) THE AUTHORITY SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNT IN A FINANCIAL
14 INSTITUTION TO WHICH ALL MONEY COLLECTED FOR THE LICENSE PLATES
15 IN A RETIRED STYLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-206.5 IS DEPOSITED. THE
16 AUTHORITY SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO
17 DEVELOP A PROCESS THAT ENSURES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
18 IS ABLE TO DEPOSIT ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED DIRECTLY INTO THE
19 ACCOUNT OR OTHERWISE REMIT SUCH DONATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY.

20 (c) THE AUTHORITY MAY USE MONEY IN THE ACCOUNT FOR THE
21 AUTHORITY'S DIRECT AND INDIRECT EXPENSES IN ADMINISTERING THE
22 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 3 AND ANY OTHER RELATED WORK THAT IS
23 COMPLETED TO ADVANCE THE AUTHORITY'S MISSION.

24 **8-88-303. Program to assist individuals with disabilities -**
25 **assistance to obtain disability benefits.**

26 (1) (a) THE AUTHORITY SHALL INVITE NONPROFIT ENTITIES,
27 INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-85-102 (5),

1 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF
2 SOCIAL SERVICES, AND OTHER STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO SUBMIT
3 PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAMS TO AID INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN
4 ACCESSING DISABILITY BENEFITS.

5 (b) TO QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS SECTION, A
6 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MUST BE BASED IN THE STATE AND:

7 (I) BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD:

8 (A) THAT IS COMPOSED OF PERSONS WITH A DEMONSTRATED
9 COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF RECIPIENTS WITH DISABILITIES;

10 (B) THAT INCLUDES MEMBERS WHO UNDERSTAND A RANGE OF
11 DISABILITIES; AND

12 (C) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF WHICH ARE INDIVIDUALS
13 WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH
14 DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CAREGIVERS TO A FAMILY
15 MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY; OR

16 (II) HAVE A CONTRACT WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE
17 CRITERIA IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (c) TO QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS SECTION, A
19 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
20 SOCIAL SERVICES, OR ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTY AGENCY MUST HAVE A
21 CONTRACT WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA IN
22 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (2) (a) (I) THE AUTHORITY SHALL REVIEW THE PROPOSED
24 PROGRAMS AND, BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2027, SHALL AWARD A CONTRACT
25 OR GRANT TO ONE OR MORE OF THE ENTITIES THAT BEST MEET THE
26 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

27 (II) THE TERM OF EACH CONTRACT OR GRANT IS UP TO THREE

1 YEARS. THE AUTHORITY SHALL INCLUDE EVALUATION CRITERIA IN THE
2 CONTRACT WITH METRICS THAT MUST BE MET AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR TO
3 CONTINUE FUNDING.

4 (b) IN AWARDING A CONTRACT OR GRANT, THE AUTHORITY SHALL
5 CONSIDER WHETHER THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES:

6 (I) A SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A
7 DISABILITY IS REASONABLY ABLE TO NAVIGATE THE APPLICATION PROCESS
8 TO OBTAIN DISABILITY BENEFITS, HEALTH CARE, AND EMPLOYMENT;

9 (II) A SYSTEM FOR PRIORITIZING THE NEED OF APPLICANTS BASED
10 UPON THE EVALUATIONS;

11 (III) A PLAN FOR ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN
12 NAVIGATING THE PROCESSES OF OBTAINING AND RETAINING DISABILITY
13 BENEFITS, HEALTH CARE, AND EMPLOYMENT;

14 (IV) A PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH
15 STATE AGENCIES, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES,
16 HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS, THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY
17 ADMINISTRATION, AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY;

18 (V) A PLAN FOR ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO
19 APPLY FOR OPEN POSITIONS AND A PLAN FOR RETAINING EMPLOYEES WITH
20 DISABILITIES;

21 (VI) REASONABLE STANDARDS FOR ACCOUNTING CONTROL OF
22 EXPENDITURES; AND

23 (VII) METRICS TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAM'S QUALITY AND
24 COST-EFFECTIVENESS.

25 (c) THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AN
26 APPLICANT BASED ON THE APPLICANT'S ADVOCACY CONCERNING
27 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

1 (d) TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL
2 ENSURE, THROUGH ONE OR MORE CONTRACTS OR GRANTS PURSUANT TO
3 THIS SECTION, THAT INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ARE SERVED
4 STATEWIDE.

5 (3) AN ENTITY AWARDED A CONTRACT OR GRANT UNDER THIS
6 SECTION SHALL MAKE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES TO THE
7 AUTHORITY. THE AUTHORITY SHALL INCLUDE IN THE CONTRACT OR GRANT
8 A METHOD AND FORMAT FOR MAKING THE REPORTS.

9 (4) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES TO ENSURE MONEY
10 RECEIVED FROM A CONTRACT OR GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS
11 USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

12 **8-88-304. Program to investigate, fund, and pilot projects or**
13 **programs to benefit individuals with disabilities.**

14 (1) WHEN ADEQUATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, THE AUTHORITY
15 SHALL ACCEPT AND REVIEW PROPOSALS TO FUND PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS,
16 OR BOTH, THAT STUDY OR PILOT NEW AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS THAT WILL
17 LEAD TO AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE OR INCREASED INDEPENDENCE
18 FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. THE AUTHORITY MAY ACCEPT
19 PROPOSALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND MAY MAKE GRANTS AT THE
20 AUTHORITY'S REGULAR MEETINGS ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2027.

21 (2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A
22 PROJECT OR PROGRAM MUST:

23 (a) DEMONSTRATE A CAPABILITY TO BE SELF-SUSTAINING OR
24 OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM INDEPENDENT FUNDING;
25 AND

26 (b) (I) HAVE A GOVERNING BODY, A BOARD, OR OWNERSHIP THAT
27 IS COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO

1 IMPROVING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, THE MAJORITY
2 OF WHOM ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH
3 IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO
4 ARE CAREGIVERS TO A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY;

5 (II) FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THE GOVERNANCE
6 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, HAVE A GRANT
7 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY THAT IS
8 RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OVERSIGHT OF THE GRANT AND THAT IS COMPRISED
9 OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE
10 LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE
11 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY
12 MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CAREGIVERS TO
13 A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY; OR

14 (III) IN THE CASE OF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, HAVE AN OWNER
15 WHO:

16 (A) IS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY, AN INDIVIDUAL WITH AN
17 IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
18 A CAREGIVER TO A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY, OR AN
19 INDIVIDUAL WITH A PROPOSAL THAT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A POSITIVE
20 IMPACT IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY; AND

21 (B) HAS DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES
22 OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

23 (3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES TO ENSURE MONEY
24 RECEIVED FROM A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS USED FOR THE
25 PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

26 **8-88-305. Disabled parking education program.**

27 (1) WHEN ADEQUATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, BEGINNING ON JULY

1 1, 2027, THE AUTHORITY MAY:

2 (a) MAKE GRANTS TO SUPPORT, OR DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, OR
3 DELIVER, EDUCATION PROGRAMS CONCERNING:

4 (I) ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR RESERVED PARKING THAT IS
5 AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY;

6 (II) APPROPRIATE USE OF THE RESERVED PARKING THAT IS
7 AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY;

8 (III) THE LEGAL STANDARDS AND VIOLATIONS CONTAINED IN
9 SECTIONS 42-3-204 AND 42-4-1208; AND

10 (IV) THE ADVANTAGES OF CREATING A VOLUNTEER ENFORCEMENT
11 PROGRAM FOR RESERVED PARKING THAT IS AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL
12 WITH A DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY; AND

13 (b) CREATE OR MAKE AVAILABLE A TRAINING PROGRAM TO ASSIST
14 PROFESSIONALS IN UNDERSTANDING THE STANDARDS THAT NEED TO BE
15 MET TO OBTAIN AN IDENTIFYING LICENSE PLATE OR PLACARD FOR THE USE
16 OF RESERVED PARKING THAT IS AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A
17 DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY.

18 (2) EDUCATION PROGRAMS FUNDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
19 ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE EDUCATION TO:

20 (a) PEACE OFFICERS;

21 (b) LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

22 (c) ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE PARKING;

23 (d) ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE PRIVATE PARKING ENFORCEMENT,
24 INCLUDING TOW OPERATORS;

25 (e) MEDICAL PROVIDERS;

26 (f) DRIVERS; AND

27 (g) INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

1 (3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES TO ENSURE MONEY
2 RECEIVED FROM A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS USED FOR THE
3 PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

4 **8-88-306. Annual performance and financial audit - report.**

5 (1) (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027, AND ON OR BEFORE
6 EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE AND
7 SUBMIT A FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET
8 COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT
9 MUST INCLUDE:

10 (I) HOW MUCH MONEY WAS COLLECTED IN DONATIONS AND
11 DEPOSITED IN THE AUTHORITY'S ACCOUNT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION
12 8-88-302 (2)(a) IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR;

13 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF EVERY EXPENDITURE MADE BY THE
14 AUTHORITY IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING GRANT OR
15 CONTRACT EXPENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, SUCH AS STAFF
16 SALARIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES;

17 (III) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT OR CONTRACT AWARDS MADE
18 IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPES OF
19 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FUNDED BY THOSE GRANT OR CONTRACT
20 AWARDS;

21 (IV) THE TOTAL NUMBER AND VALUE OF GRANTS OR CONTRACTS
22 THAT REMAIN OPEN FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR;
23 AND

24 (V) THE TOTAL OF ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES IN THE CURRENT
25 FISCAL YEAR.

26 (b) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PRESENT THE DECEMBER 2027 AND
27 DECEMBER 2028 ANNUAL REPORTS IN PERSON AT A MEETING OF THE JOINT

1 BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BEGINNING WITH THE
2 DECEMBER 2029 ANNUAL REPORT AND FOR EACH ANNUAL DECEMBER
3 REPORT THEREAFTER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT
4 BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO PRESENT THE REPORT IN PERSON.

5 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED BY
6 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL, UPON THE
7 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE
8 AUDIT COMMITTEE CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-101, CONDUCT OR
9 CAUSE TO BE CONDUCTED POSTAUDITS OF THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO
10 SECTION 2-3-103 (1)(b).

11 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
12 (30)(a)(IX) as follows:

13 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
14 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
15 **declaration - repeal.**

16 (30) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
17 for repeal on September 1, 2029:

18 (IX) ~~The assistance program for disability benefits under article~~
19 ~~88 of title 8;~~

20 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-77-102, **amend**
21 (11)(b), (11)(c)(IX), (15)(b)(XXI), and (15)(b)(XXII); and **add** (11)(d)
22 and (15)(b)(XXIII) as follows:

23 **24-77-102. Definitions.**

24 As used in this article 77, unless the context otherwise requires:

25 (11) "Property sale" means:

26 (b) Any contract resulting in the payment of pecuniary
27 compensation to the state for permitting another to exploit, use, or market

1 nonrenewable natural resources which are located on real property owned
2 by the state and which are subject to depletion with use; or

3 (c) For state fiscal years commencing on or after July 1, 2024, a
4 transfer of rights in tangible or intangible property, excluding leasehold
5 interests, in which or to which the state has rights protected by law from
6 the state to any party for consideration. Such a transfer of rights includes:

7 (IX) The sale of wine for promotional purposes by the Colorado
8 wine industry development board, created in article 29.5 of title 35; OR

9 (d) FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JULY 1,
10 2025, SALES OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS
11 PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-88-105.

12 (15)(b) "Special purpose authority" includes, but is not limited to:

13 (XXI) The equal justice authority created in section 13-5.7-202;

14 and

15 (XXII) The building urgent infrastructure and leveraging dollars
16 authority created in section 24-117-104 (1); AND

17 (XXIII) THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY
18 CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301.

19 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-226, **add** (3)
20 as follows:

21 **42-1-226. Disabled parking education and enforcement fund**
22 **- created - transfer - repeal.**

23 (3)(a) ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
24 THE UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF THE DISABLED
25 PARKING EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

26 (b) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

27 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-227, **add** (2)

1 as follows:

2 **42-1-227. Disabled parking education program - repeal.**

3 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

4 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-206.5, **amend**
5 (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(b), and (2.5); and **add** (1)(c) as follows:

6 **42-3-206.5. Issuance of plates in a retired style authorized -**
7 **additional fee - rules - repeal.**

8 (1) (a) Beginning January 1, 2023, or when the department is able
9 to issue THE license plates, ~~pursuant to section 8-88-202 (6)(i), whichever~~
10 ~~is earlier~~, the department shall issue license plates in previously retired
11 styles for motorcycles, passenger cars, trucks, or noncommercial or
12 recreational motor vehicles that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds
13 empty weight that had:

14 (b) (I) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, the amount of the
15 taxes and fees for license plates in the previously retired style is the same
16 as the amount of the taxes and fees specified for regular motor vehicle
17 plates plus an annual fee of twenty-five dollars, which shall be credited
18 to the disability support fund created in ~~section 8-88-205~~ SECTION
19 8-88-104.

20 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1,
21 2026.

22 (c) ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES
23 AND FEES FOR LICENSE PLATES IN THE PREVIOUSLY RETIRED STYLE IS THE
24 SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES SPECIFIED FOR REGULAR
25 MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT
26 THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FEES AND DONATIONS:

27 (I) A ONE-TIME DONATION OF TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY

1 CENTS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE, WHICH
2 MUST BE REMITTED TO THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY
3 CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301;

4 (II) A ONE-TIME FEE OF TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS FOR
5 ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE, WHICH MUST BE
6 TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO
7 THE DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-104;

8 (III) AN ANNUAL RENEWAL DONATION OF TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS
9 AND FIFTY CENTS, WHICH MUST BE REMITTED TO THE COLORADO
10 DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301; AND

11 (IV) AN ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE OF TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY
12 CENTS, WHICH MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO
13 SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND CREATED IN
14 SECTION 8-88-104.

15 (2.5) ~~The Colorado disability funding committee is responsible for~~
16 ~~the costs of designing the previously retired license plate styles and shall~~
17 ~~pay such costs before the license plates are produced.~~ The design for the
18 previously retired license plate styles ~~shall~~ MUST conform with standards
19 established by the department. After January 1, 2028, the department may
20 stop producing plates in a previously retired style if the department
21 determines that demand for that style, including willingness to pay an
22 additional fee that fully defrays the costs of producing the license plates
23 in the style, is not sufficiently high to justify production of the license
24 plates.

25 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-211, **amend**
26 (3)(a) as follows:

27 **42-3-211. Issuance of personalized plates authorized.**

1 (3) (a) Personalized license plates must be the same color and
2 design as regular motor vehicle license plates, must consist of any
3 combination of numbers or letters not exceeding seven positions and not
4 less than two positions, except as otherwise provided in ~~section 8-88-206~~
5 ~~(4)~~ SECTION 8-88-105 (4), and must not conflict with existing passenger,
6 commercial, trailer, motorcycle, or other special license plates series;
7 except that personalized license plates bearing the words "street rod" shall
8 MUST be of a design determined by the executive director of the
9 department, which design shall MUST be different from those used by the
10 state for regular motor vehicle license plates.

11 SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1208, **repeal**
12 (6)(k) as follows:

13 **42-4-1208. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities -**
14 **applicability - rules - standards - legislative declaration - definitions.**

15 (6) **Enforcement of reserved parking.**

16 (k) ~~The state or local authority issuing a citation under this~~
17 ~~section, or under any local ordinance defining a substantially equivalent~~
18 ~~offense, shall transfer one-half of the fine to the state treasurer, who shall~~
19 ~~credit the fine to the disabled parking education and enforcement fund~~
20 ~~created in section 42-1-226.~~

21 SECTION 18. **Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

22 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this
23 act, the cash funds appropriation from the disabled parking education and
24 enforcement fund created in section 42-1-226 (1), C.R.S., made in the
25 general appropriations act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the
26 department of labor and employment for use by the Colorado disability
27 opportunity office for operating expenses is decreased by \$100,000.

1 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of
2 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27
3 state fiscal year if:

4 (a) The amount of the cash funds appropriation from the disabled
5 parking education and enforcement fund created in section 42-1-226 (1),
6 C.R.S., made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state
7 fiscal year to the department of labor and employment for the Colorado
8 disability opportunity office for operating expenses is less than the
9 amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

10 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state
11 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of labor
12 and employment for the Colorado disability opportunity office for
13 operating expenses.

14 **SECTION 19. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal
15 year, \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the department of labor and
16 employment for use by the division of vocational rehabilitation and
17 independent living services. This appropriation is from the disability
18 support fund created in section 8-88-104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this
19 act, the division may use this appropriation for vocational rehabilitation
20 services.

21 (2) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$27,000 is appropriated to
22 the department of revenue for use by the division of motor vehicles. This
23 appropriation is from the disability support fund created in section
24 8-88-104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this
25 appropriation for DRIVES maintenance and support.

26 **SECTION 20. Effective date.** (1) Except as otherwise provided
27 in this section, this act takes effect upon passage.

1 (2) This act takes effect upon passage; except that section 18 of
2 this act takes effect only if the annual general appropriation act for the
3 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which case section 18 takes
4 effect upon the effective date of this act or of the annual general
5 appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever is later.

6 (3) Section 8-88-101 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, repealed in
7 section 1 of this act, and section 24-34-104, Colorado Revised Statutes,
8 amended in section 11 of this act, take effect on July 1, 2027.

9 **SECTION 21. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
12 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
13 institutions.