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HOUSE BILL 26-1383

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REPEALING THE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND JOB
102 RETENTION SERVICES PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION
103 THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.

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. House Bill 19-1107, enacted in 2019, established the employment support and job retention services program (program) in the division of employment and training (division) within the department of labor and employment (department). The corresponding employment support and job retention services program cash fund (fund)

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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was also created for the purpose of funding employment preparation, job training, employment pursuit, and job retention activities for eligible individuals.

The general assembly appropriated \$750,000 from the general fund to the fund for state fiscal year 2019-20. Beginning in the 2022-23 state fiscal year, and for each state fiscal year thereafter, the general assembly is statutorily required to appropriate \$250,000 from the general fund to the fund.

Currently, the program is scheduled to repeal September 1, 2029.

The bill changes the repeal date to July 1, 2026. The program therefore would repeal approximately 3 years sooner than when it is currently scheduled to repeal.

The bill requires the state treasurer to transfer all unexpended and unencumbered money in the fund to the general fund on June 30, 2026.

The bill also adjusts the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department for use by the division, as follows:

- Decreases the general fund appropriation for the fund by \$250,000; and
- Decreases the reappropriated funds appropriation from the fund for the program by \$250,000.

A reduction of an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year is not required by the bill, however, if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- The amount of the general fund appropriation to the department for use by the division for the fund is less than \$250,000;
- The amount of the reappropriated funds appropriation from the fund to the department for use by the division for the program is less than \$250,000; or
- The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department for use by the division for the fund or the program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-406, **add** (4) as
3 follows:

4 **8-83-406. Employment support and job retention services**
5 **program cash fund - created.**

1 (4) ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
2 ALL UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE
3 GENERAL FUND.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 8-83-407 as
5 follows:

6 **8-83-407. Repeal of part.**

7 This part 4 is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2029~~ JULY 1, 2026.

8 **SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

9 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this
10 act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the
11 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of labor and employment for
12 use by the division of employment and training are adjusted as follows:

13 (a) The general fund appropriation for the employment support
14 and job retention services program cash fund created in section 8-83-406
15 (1)(a), C.R.S., is decreased by \$250,000; and

16 (b) The reappropriated funds appropriation from the employment
17 support and job retention services program cash fund created in section
18 8-83-406 (1)(a), C.R.S., for the employment support and job retention
19 services program is decreased by \$250,000.

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

23 (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the
24 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the
25 department of labor and employment for use by the division of
26 employment and training for the employment support and job retention
27 services program cash fund is less than the amount of the adjustment

1 required in subsection (1)(a) of this section;

2 (b) The amount of the reappropriated funds appropriation from the
3 employment support and job retention services program cash fund created
4 in section 8-83-406 (1)(a), C.R.S., made in the annual general
5 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of
6 labor and employment for use by the division of employment and training
7 for the employment support and job retention services program is less
8 than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1)(b) of this
9 section; or

10 (c) 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 use by the division of employment and training for:

13 (I) The employment support and job retention services program
14 cash fund; or

15 (II) The employment support and job retention services program.

16 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;
17 except that section 3 of this act takes effect only if the annual general
18 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which
19 case section 3 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the
20 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever
21 is later.

22 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
25 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
26 institutions.