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HOUSE BILL 26-1418

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE, AND, IN**
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING CERTAIN SOCIAL MEDIA**
103 **PLATFORMS THAT PROVIDE ONLINE GAMING SERVICES,**
104 **PRODUCTS, AND FEATURES TO YOUNG PEOPLE TO IMPOSE A FEE**
105 **ON EACH ADD-ON TRANSACTION AND REMIT THE FEE TO THE**
106 **YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACCESS ENTERPRISE, WHICH**
107 **ENTERPRISE IS CREATED IN THE BILL, AND TO THE YOUTH**
108 **PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE, WHICH**
109 **ENTERPRISE IS ALSO CREATED IN THE BILL, TO BE USED TO FUND**
110 **PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE, AND**
111 **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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(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 requires each covered social media platform (covered platform) to impose a fee on each add-on transaction that occurs on the covered platform. The bill creates the youth mental health services access enterprise (enterprise) in the behavioral health administration (BHA) to use the fee revenue to operate and fund programs that provide youth mental health services. The enterprise constitutes an enterprise for purposes of section 20 of article X of the state constitution.

A "covered platform" means a sole proprietorship, a partnership, a limited liability company, a corporation, an association, or another legal entity, or an affiliate thereof, that:

- Conducts business in this state;
- Generates a majority of its annual revenue from online services;
- Makes available online gaming services, products, or features that are reasonably likely to be accessed by a youth;
- Collects users' personal data or has users' personal data collected on its behalf by a processor; and
- Solely or jointly with others determines the purposes and means of the processing of users' personal data.

"Add-on transaction" means an online transaction through which a player or participant in an online gaming service, product, or feature acquires:

- An item or ability that provides the player or participant an advantage over other players or participants; or
- A feature that alters or enhances the online gaming service, product, or feature.

After deducting its administrative expenses, the enterprise is required to allocate the remaining fee revenue as follows:

- 40% to operate and fund the youth mental health peer navigator grant program, which program is created in the bill (see below);
- 35% to operate and fund the crisis resolution team program, which program is created in the bill (see below); and
- 25%, beginning July 1, 2027, to operate the existing youth mental health services program (see below).

The initial amount of the fee is 5% of the amount of the add-on transaction. On and after October 1, 2027, the enterprise may adjust the

1 PARTICIPATING IN ONLINE SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER WEBSITES, WHERE
2 THEY ARE EXPOSED TO ADULT-THEMED CONTENT, SEXUAL PREDATORS,
3 AND UNSCRUPULOUS MARKETERS;

4 (II) INCREASINGLY, ONLINE GAMING HAS REPLACED TRADITIONAL
5 SOCIAL MEDIA AND ACTS AS SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MINORS. EIGHTY-FIVE
6 PERCENT OF MINORS PLAY ONLINE GAMES, TWENTY-THREE PERCENT PLAY
7 SEVERAL TIMES A DAY, TWENTY-TWO PERCENT PLAY SEVERAL TIMES A
8 WEEK, AND TWENTY-ONE PERCENT PLAY LESS. ONLINE GAMING HAS ALSO
9 BECOME INCREASINGLY PERVASIVE FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN FIVE AND
10 TWELVE YEARS OLD, WITH MORE THAN EIGHTY PERCENT OF SUCH
11 CHILDREN GAMING WEEKLY.

12 (III) APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-FIVE TO THIRTY-SEVEN PERCENT OF
13 CHILDREN APPROACHED BY STRANGERS ONLINE WERE FIRST CONTACTED
14 VIA GAMING PLATFORMS. ONLINE GAMING PLATFORMS ARE ENGINEERED
15 TO KEEP CHILDREN ENGAGED FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, AND EXCESSIVE
16 GAMING IS ASSOCIATED WITH SLEEP DISRUPTION, DECREASED ACADEMIC
17 PERFORMANCE, AND INCREASED ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION IN YOUNG
18 PEOPLE.

19 (IV) YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO THREATS
20 THAT EXIST ON THE INTERNET BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE LACK EXPERIENCE
21 AND BECAUSE THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS AND OTHER ENTITIES THAT TARGET
22 YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE INTERNET FOR PREDATORY PURPOSES;

23 (V) IT IS WELL-DOCUMENTED THAT THE BRAINS OF CHILDREN AND
24 JUVENILES ARE NOT FULLY DEVELOPED AND THAT, FOR MANY YOUNG
25 PEOPLE, THE CONSTANT AND OVERWHELMING PRESENCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
26 AND THE INTERNET EXACERBATES THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE TRANSITION
27 FROM CHILDHOOD TO ADULTHOOD;

1 (VI) MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO DEVELOP COMPULSIVE USE
2 DISORDERS OR WHO ARE OTHERWISE HARMED BY SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES,
3 ONLINE GAMING, OR THE INTERNET CAN BENEFIT FROM PROGRAMS THAT
4 OFFER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND

5 (VII) IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE TO REQUIRE
6 CERTAIN INTERNET WEBSITES THAT MARKET AND PROVIDE GAMING
7 OPPORTUNITIES TO CHILDREN AND JUVENILES AND PROFIT FROM SUCH
8 VENTURES TO IMPOSE AND COLLECT A FEE ON EACH ADD-ON TRANSACTION
9 TO BE CREDITED TO:

10 (A) THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACCESS ENTERPRISE
11 FUND CREATED IN THIS PART 6, FROM WHICH FUND THE YOUTH MENTAL
12 HEALTH SERVICES ACCESS ENTERPRISE MAY AWARD GRANTS TO MENTAL
13 HEALTH AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUNG
14 PEOPLE, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS PART 6; AND

15 (B) THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE
16 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-109-104 (6), FROM WHICH FUND THE YOUTH
17 PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION
18 22-109-104 MAY AWARD GRANTS THROUGH THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME
19 PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-105.5-104 AND
20 SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ENFORCEMENT OF
21 EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-109-105;

22 (b) BY SUPPORTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AS
23 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE ENTERPRISE
24 ENGAGES IN AN ACTIVITY CONDUCTED IN THE PURSUIT OF A BENEFIT, GAIN,
25 OR LIVELIHOOD AND THEREFORE OPERATES AS A BUSINESS;

26 (c) CONSISTENT WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE COLORADO
27 SUPREME COURT IN *NICHOLL V. E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY*, 896

1 P.2d 859 (COLO. 1995), THAT THE POWER TO IMPOSE TAXES IS
2 INCONSISTENT WITH ENTERPRISE STATUS UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE
3 X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCLUDES
4 THAT THE FEE IMPOSED BY THE ENTERPRISE IS A FEE, NOT A TAX, BECAUSE
5 THE FEE IS IMPOSED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE
6 ENTERPRISE TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE BENEFITS AND
7 SERVICES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO YOUTH
8 USERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, AND THE FEE IS IMPOSED AT A RATE
9 THAT IS REASONABLY CALCULATED TO OFFSET THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT
10 COSTS OF THE SERVICES RECEIVED BY YOUTH USERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA
11 PLATFORMS;

12 (d) SO LONG AS THE ENTERPRISE QUALIFIES AS AN ENTERPRISE FOR
13 PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, THE
14 REVENUE FROM THE FEE IMPOSED BY THE ENTERPRISE IS NOT STATE FISCAL
15 YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102, OR STATE REVENUES,
16 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-103.6 (6)(c), AND DOES NOT COUNT
17 AGAINST EITHER THE STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING LIMIT IMPOSED BY
18 SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR THE EXCESS
19 STATE REVENUES CAP, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-103.6 (6)(b)(I); AND

20 (e) NO OTHER ENTERPRISE CREATED SIMULTANEOUSLY OR WITHIN
21 THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS SERVES PRIMARILY THE SAME PURPOSE AS THE
22 ENTERPRISE, AND THE ENTERPRISE WILL GENERATE REVENUE FROM FEES
23 OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS TOTAL IN ITS FIRST FIVE
24 FISCAL YEARS. ACCORDINGLY, THE CREATION OF THE ENTERPRISE DOES
25 NOT REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-77-108.

26 **27-60-603. Definitions.**

27 AS USED IN THIS PART 6, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE

1 REQUIRES:

2 (1) (a) "ADD-ON TRANSACTION" MEANS A TRANSACTION THROUGH
3 WHICH A PLAYER OR PARTICIPANT OF A VIDEO GAME ACCESSED VIA AN
4 ONLINE GAMING SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE ACQUIRES:

5 (I) AN ITEM OR ABILITY THAT PROVIDES THE PLAYER OR
6 PARTICIPANT AN ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER PLAYERS OR PARTICIPANTS OF
7 THE VIDEO GAME; OR

8 (II) A FEATURE THAT ALTERS OR ENHANCES THE VIDEO GAME AS
9 ACCESSED VIA THE ONLINE GAMING SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE.

10 (b) "ADD-ON TRANSACTION" DOES NOT INCLUDE A TRANSACTION
11 THROUGH WHICH A PLAYER OR PARTICIPANT OBTAINS INITIAL ACCESS TO
12 AN ONLINE GAME.

13 (2) "COVERED PLATFORM" MEANS A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, A
14 PARTNERSHIP, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, A CORPORATION, AN
15 ASSOCIATION, OR ANOTHER LEGAL ENTITY OR AN AFFILIATE THEREOF
16 THAT:

17 (a) CONDUCTS BUSINESS IN COLORADO;

18 (b) GENERATES:

19 (I) REVENUE DIRECTLY FROM ADD-ON TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED
20 IN AN ONLINE GAMING SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE; AND

21 (II) A MAJORITY OF ITS ANNUAL REVENUE FROM ONLINE GAMING
22 SERVICES, PRODUCTS, OR FEATURES;

23 (c) PUBLISHES ONE OR MORE ONLINE GAMING SERVICES,
24 PRODUCTS, OR FEATURES THAT ARE REASONABLY LIKELY TO BE ACCESSED
25 BY A YOUTH;

26 (d) COLLECTS OR HAS COLLECTED ON ITS BEHALF ONE OR MORE
27 USERS' PERSONAL DATA, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 6-1-1303 (17), IN

1 CONNECTION WITH AN ONLINE GAMING SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE;
2 AND

3 (e) DETERMINES THE PURPOSES AND MEANS OF PROCESSING THE
4 PERSONAL DATA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(d) OF THIS SECTION.

5 (b) "COVERED PLATFORM" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INTERNET
6 SERVICE PROVIDER OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER THAT PROVIDES
7 CONNECTIVITY TO A THIRD-PARTY SERVICE AND THAT DOES NOT:

8 (I) DIRECTLY PROCESS ADD-ON TRANSACTIONS; AND

9 (II) DETERMINE DATA PROCESSING PURPOSES FOR THE
10 THIRD-PARTY SERVICE.

11 (3) "ENTERPRISE" MEANS THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
12 ACCESS ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION 27-60-604.

13 (4) "FEE" MEANS THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACCESS
14 FEE IMPOSED BY COVERED PLATFORMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-60-605.

15 (5) "FUND" MEANS THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACCESS
16 ENTERPRISE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 27-60-604 (6).

17 (6) "ONLINE GAMING SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE" MEANS AN
18 ONLINE SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 6-1-1303
19 (16.8), THAT IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE ONLINE GAMING.

20 (7) "PROCESS" OR "PROCESSING" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN
21 SECTION 6-1-1303 (18).

22 (8) "PROCESSOR" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION
23 6-1-1303 (19).

24 (9) "REASONABLY LIKELY TO BE ACCESSED BY A YOUTH" MEANS
25 THAT AN ONLINE GAMING SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE IS REASONABLY
26 LIKELY TO BE ACCESSED BY A YOUTH BECAUSE THE ONLINE GAMING
27 SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE IS DIRECTED TO CHILDREN, AS DESCRIBED

1 BY THE FEDERAL "CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT OF
2 1998", 15 U.S.C. SECS. 6501 TO 6506, AND THE ASSOCIATED RULES OF THE
3 FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

4 [REDACTED]
5 (10) "YOUTH" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 27-60-109
6 (1)(e).

7 **27-60-604. Youth mental health services access enterprise -**
8 **created - board - powers and duties - rules and policies - fund -**
9 **repeal.**

10 (1)(a) THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACCESS ENTERPRISE
11 IS CREATED IN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION. THE
12 ENTERPRISE IS AND OPERATES AS A GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUSINESS
13 WITHIN THE BHA FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF COLLECTING FEES
14 IMPOSED BY COVERED PLATFORMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-60-605 AND
15 UTILIZING THE FEE REVENUE TO OPERATE AND FUND PROGRAMS THAT
16 PROVIDE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THE ENTERPRISE IS A **TYPE 1**
17 ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-1-105, AND EXERCISES ITS POWER AND
18 PERFORMS ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THE BHA.

19 (b) THE ENTERPRISE CONSTITUTES AN ENTERPRISE FOR PURPOSES
20 OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION SO LONG AS IT
21 RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS AND RECEIVES LESS
22 THAN TEN PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL REVENUES IN GRANTS FROM ALL
23 COLORADO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COMBINED. SO LONG AS IT
24 CONSTITUTES AN ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1), THE
25 ENTERPRISE IS NOT SUBJECT TO SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE
26 CONSTITUTION.

27 (c) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL BE DIRECTED BY A BOARD OF

1 INDIVIDUALS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

2 (2) THE ENTERPRISE, ACTING THROUGH THE BOARD, MAY:

3 (a) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR PROFESSIONAL AND
4 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE AND TO SUPPLY OTHER SERVICES
5 RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE ENTERPRISE, WITHOUT
6 REGARD TO THE "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE
7 24;

8 (b) BY RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZE AND ISSUE REVENUE BONDS THAT
9 ARE PAYABLE ONLY FROM THE MONEY IN THE FUND;

10 (c) ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PART 6; AND

11 (d) ADOPT POLICIES FOR THE REGULATION OF ITS AFFAIRS AND THE
12 CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS CONSISTENT WITH THIS PART 6.

13 (3) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL:

14 (a) RECEIVE THE FEES IMPOSED BY COVERED PLATFORMS ON
15 ADD-ON TRANSACTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-60-605;

16 (b) OPERATE AND FUND THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PEER
17 NAVIGATOR GRANT PROGRAM AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 27-60-606;

18 (c) OPERATE AND FUND THE CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROGRAM
19 AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 27-60-607; AND

20 (d) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027, OPERATE AND FUND THE YOUTH
21 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 27-60-109.

22 (4) (a) THE ENTERPRISE IS SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS
23 PROVISIONS OF THE "COLORADO SUNSHINE ACT OF 1972", PART 4 OF
24 ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24.

25 (b) THE ENTERPRISE IS SUBJECT TO THE "COLORADO OPEN
26 RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24. FOR PURPOSES OF THE
27 "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24,

1 AND EXCEPT AS MAY OTHERWISE BE PROVIDED BY FEDERAL LAW OR
2 REGULATION OR STATE LAW, THE RECORDS OF THE ENTERPRISE ARE PUBLIC
3 RECORDS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-72-202, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER
4 THE ENTERPRISE RECEIVES LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL ANNUAL
5 REVENUE IN GRANTS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102, FROM ALL
6 COLORADO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

7 (c) THE ENTERPRISE IS A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR PURPOSES OF THE
8 "SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC SECURITIES ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 57 OF
9 TITLE 11.

10 (5) THE BHA SHALL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
11 STAFF TO THE ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT ENTERED INTO
12 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

13 (6) (a) THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACCESS ENTERPRISE
14 FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY
15 CREDITED TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 6; ANY MONEY
16 RECEIVED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS, AS DESCRIBED IN
17 SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION; AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE
18 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.

19 (b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
20 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
21 FUND TO THE FUND.

22 (c) MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE
23 ENTERPRISE. THE ENTERPRISE MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR
24 THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 6, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
25 SECTION 27-60-605 (4).

26 (7) (a) SECTION 24-77-108 DOES NOT APPLY TO THE ENTERPRISE
27 BECAUSE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY CREDITED OR APPROPRIATED TO

1 THE FUND AS FEE REVENUE SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED MILLION
2 DOLLARS IN THE FIRST FIVE FISCAL YEARS OF THE ENTERPRISE'S
3 EXISTENCE.

4 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2033.

5 (8) THE BOARD MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
6 OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF
7 THIS SECTION, SO LONG AS THE COMBINATION OF GRANTS FROM STATE AND
8 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IS LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF THE ENTERPRISE'S
9 TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE.

10 **27-60-605. Youth mental health services access fee -**
11 **established - collection by covered platforms - remittance to**
12 **department of revenue - youth programming and protections**
13 **enterprise fund.**

14 (1) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027, EACH COVERED PLATFORM
15 SHALL IMPOSE AND COLLECT A FEE ON EACH ADD-ON TRANSACTION THAT
16 OCCURS ON THE COVERED PLATFORM AND REMIT THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF
17 THE FEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

18 (2) (a) THE INITIAL AMOUNT OF THE FEE IS FIVE PERCENT OF THE
19 AMOUNT OF THE ADD-ON TRANSACTION. ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2027,
20 THE ENTERPRISE MAY ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE. THE ENTERPRISE
21 SHALL PUBLISH THE FEE AMOUNT ON THE BHA'S PUBLIC WEBSITE.

22 (b) THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE MUST BE REASONABLY CALCULATED
23 TO RECOUP THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF THE SERVICES RECEIVED
24 BY YOUTH THROUGH THE:

25 (I) YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM CREATED IN
26 SECTION 27-60-109;

27 (II) YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PEER NAVIGATOR GRANT PROGRAM

1 CREATED IN SECTION 27-60-606;

2 (III) CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION
3 27-60-607;

4 (IV) OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM CREATED
5 IN SECTION 22-105.5-104; AND

6 (V) ENFORCEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS, AS DESCRIBED IN
7 SECTION 22-109-105.

8 (c) IN ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL
9 CONSIDER THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-77-108.

10 (3) (a) EXCEPT AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS
11 SECTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
12 SHALL TRANSFER MONEY COLLECTED AS FEES BY COVERED PLATFORMS TO
13 THE STATE TREASURER TO BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

14 (b) MONEY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE COLLECTS
15 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS CUSTODIAL MONEY HELD TEMPORARILY BY
16 THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER SOLELY FOR
17 THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING THE MONEY TO THE FUND FOR USE BY THE
18 ENTERPRISE.

19 (c) IN EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR, AFTER THE STATE TREASURER HAS
20 CREDITED EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO
21 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT
22 ANY OTHER MONEY RECEIVED AS FEES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF
23 THIS SECTION TO THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS
24 ENTERPRISE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-109-104 (6).

25 (4) THE ENTERPRISE MAY SPEND NO MORE THAN THREE PERCENT
26 OF THE ANNUAL FEE REVENUE CREDITED TO THE FUND FOR THE
27 ENTERPRISE'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. AFTER DEDUCTING ITS

1 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL ALLOCATE THE
2 REMAINING FEE REVENUE CREDITED TO THE FUND AS FOLLOWS:

3 (a) FORTY PERCENT FOR THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PEER
4 NAVIGATOR GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 27-60-606;

5 (b) THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT FOR THE CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM
6 PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 27-60-607; AND

7 (c) TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT FOR THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
8 SERVICES PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 27-60-109.

9 **27-60-606. Youth mental health peer navigator grant program**
10 **- created - eligible entities - report - definitions.**

11 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
12 REQUIRES:

13 (a) "ELIGIBLE ENTITY" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT SATISFIES THE
14 CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (b) "GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE" MEANS
16 THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE CREATED IN
17 SECTION 24-20-501 AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS "SERVE COLORADO".

18 (c) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PEER
19 NAVIGATOR GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS
20 SECTION.

21 (d) "YOUNG ADULT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EIGHTEEN
22 YEARS OLD OR OLDER BUT YOUNGER THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD.

23 (2) (a) THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PEER NAVIGATOR GRANT
24 PROGRAM IS CREATED TO AWARD GRANTS TO ENTITIES THAT RECRUIT AND
25 TRAIN YOUNG ADULTS TO PROVIDE PREVENTION SERVICES, PEER SUPPORT,
26 AND SYSTEM NAVIGATION TO YOUTH IN SCHOOLS OR COMMUNITY-BASED
27 SETTINGS.

1 (b) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL OPERATE AND FUND THE GRANT
2 PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. THE ENTERPRISE SHALL
3 CONSULT WITH THE BHA AND THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON
4 COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE OPERATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM.

5 (3) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL ADOPT AND POST ON THE BHA'S
6 PUBLIC WEBSITE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES FOR THE GRANT
7 PROGRAM THAT INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

8 (a) PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES BY WHICH AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY
9 MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT;

10 (b) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING GRANT ELIGIBILITY AND THE
11 AMOUNT OF GRANT AWARDS; AND

12 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS, WHICH
13 REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE REPORTING THE USE OF A GRANT AWARD.

14 (4) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT AWARD, AN ENTITY MUST BE AN
15 INDIAN TRIBE; AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; A LOCAL
16 GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A STATE GOVERNMENT
17 AGENCY; OR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND MUST PROVIDE MENTAL
18 HEALTH PROGRAMMING IN SCHOOLS OR COMMUNITY-BASED SETTINGS,
19 WHICH PROGRAMMING INCLUDES:

20 (a) MAKING REFERRALS TO MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES;

21 (b) IDENTIFYING AND REMOVING BARRIERS TO MENTAL HEALTH
22 SERVICES;

23 (c) DEVELOPING ACTION PLANS FOR MENTAL HEALTH TRENDS IN
24 SCHOOLS;

25 (d) COORDINATING MENTAL HEALTH CARE;

26 (e) PROVIDING CASE MANAGEMENT AND CULTURAL MEDIATION;

27 AND

1 (f) OFFERING MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION.

2 (5) (a) TO RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY MUST SUBMIT A
3 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY
4 SERVICE.

5 (b) THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE SHALL
6 REVIEW EACH GRANT APPLICATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
7 ENTERPRISE CONCERNING WHETHER A GRANT SHOULD BE AWARDED AND,
8 IF SO, THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT.

9 (c) AFTER CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
10 GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE, THE ENTERPRISE
11 SHALL AWARD AND DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT.

12 (6) AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL USE THE
13 GRANT AWARD ONLY FOR ONE OR MORE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN
14 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (7) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2028, AND ON OR BEFORE
16 JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL SUBMIT
17 A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HEALTH AND HUMAN
18 SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
19 COMMITTEE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, WITH INFORMATION ABOUT
20 THE GRANT PROGRAM'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR. THE
21 ENTERPRISE SHALL ALSO POST THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE BHA'S PUBLIC
22 WEBSITE. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE NUMBER AND TOTAL AMOUNT
23 OF GRANTS AWARDED BY THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE RECIPIENT AND
24 AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT AWARDED, AND THE USES OF EACH GRANT
25 AWARD.

26 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136
27 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS

1 SUBSECTION (7) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

2 **27-60-607. Crisis resolution team program - created - report**
3 **- definitions.**

4 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
5 REQUIRES:

6 (a) "CAREGIVER" MEANS A PARENT, A FOSTER PARENT, KIN, A
7 GUARDIAN, OR A LEGAL CUSTODIAN.

8 (b) "CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROVIDER" MEANS A SERVICE
9 PROVIDER THAT SUPPORTS YOUTH WHO ARE EXPERIENCING BEHAVIORAL
10 HEALTH CRISES AND WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM INTENSIVE, SHORT-TERM,
11 IN-HOME SERVICES AND ONGOING SUPPORT.

12 (c) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROGRAM
13 CREATED IN THIS SECTION.

14 (2) (a) THE CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROGRAM IS CREATED TO
15 PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED DE-ESCALATION AND STABILIZATION
16 SERVICES TO YOUTH WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HIGH-ACUITY BEHAVIORAL
17 HEALTH CRISES AND TO THEIR CAREGIVERS. THE ENTERPRISE, IN
18 COLLABORATION WITH THE BHA, SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AND
19 CONTRACT WITH CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROVIDERS TO OFFER THE
20 SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

21 (b) A YOUTH IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES FROM THE
22 PROGRAM IF THE YOUTH:

23 (I) HAS EXPERIENCED HIGH-ACUITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISES
24 AS IDENTIFIED BY THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM OR
25 AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT; AND

26 (II) IS SAFE TO REMAIN IN THE YOUTH'S HOME OR COMMUNITY
27 WHILE RECEIVING INTENSIVE, SHORT-TERM STABILIZATION

1 INTERVENTIONS.

2 (c) A CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROVIDER SHALL OFFER THE
3 FOLLOWING SERVICES TO YOUTH AND THEIR CAREGIVERS:

4 (I) COUNSELING OR THERAPY;

5 (II) CASE MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT MEETING TREATMENT PLANS;

6 (III) PEER SUPPORT OR FAMILY SKILLS COACHING TO FOSTER
7 CONNECTEDNESS, GOAL SETTING, AND NEW ROUTINES TO ACHIEVE
8 POSITIVE, LASTING CHANGE;

9 (IV) MEDICATION MANAGEMENT; AND

10 (V) CARE COORDINATION TO PROVIDE TAILORED SUPPORT AND
11 CONNECTION THROUGH THE USE OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

12 (d) A CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROVIDER SHALL OFFER SERVICES
13 TO A YOUTH AT LEAST THREE DAYS PER WEEK WITH A VARIETY OF
14 SERVICES OFFERED DAILY DEPENDING ON THE YOUTH'S CLINICAL NEEDS.
15 SERVICES MUST BE OFFERED TO THE YOUTH FOR AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS,
16 UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX WEEKS DEPENDING ON THE YOUTH'S CLINICAL
17 NEEDS.

18 (3) (a) TO CONTRACT WITH THE ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO
19 SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM
20 PROVIDER MUST:

21 (I) PROVIDE SUPPORT AND STABILIZATION SERVICES ACCORDING
22 TO THE TIME FRAMES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(d) OF THIS SECTION;
23 AND

24 (II) ENTER INTO COMMUNITY COORDINATION PARTNERSHIPS AS
25 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 27-60-104 (6).

26 (b) A CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROVIDER MAY LOCATE WITHIN
27 THE FACILITY OF A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION OR PARTNER.

1 (c) A CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROVIDER THAT ENTERS INTO A
2 CONTRACT WITH THE ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF
3 THIS SECTION SHALL COLLECT DATA AND OUTCOMES ON THE FOLLOWING:

4 (I) THE NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED BY THE CRISIS RESOLUTION
5 TEAM PROVIDER, DISAGGREGATED BY GENDER, RACE, GRADE LEVEL,
6 DISABILITY, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER STATUS, AND UNHOUSED
7 STATUS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
8 "COLORADO PRIVACY ACT", PART 13 OF ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 6;

9 (II) THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT REFER YOUTH TO THE CRISIS
10 RESOLUTION TEAM PROVIDER;

11 (III) THE NUMBER OF YOUTH HOSPITALIZED WHILE RECEIVING
12 SERVICES FROM THE CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROVIDER;

13 (IV) THE NUMBER OF REFERRALS FOR YOUTH TO OUT-OF-HOME
14 PLACEMENTS WHILE RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE CRISIS RESOLUTION
15 TEAM PROVIDER; AND

16 (V) THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT
17 YOUTH AND THEIR CAREGIVERS RECEIVE.

18 (4) TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL:

19 (a) USE EXISTING COMMUNITY COORDINATION PARTNERSHIPS AS
20 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 27-60-104 (6) TO MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS WITH
21 THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

22 (I) LOCAL COMMUNITY MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
23 PROVIDERS;

24 (II) COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES;

25 (III) ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH;

26 (IV) SCHOOL DISTRICTS;

27 (V) ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE YOUTHS WITH INTELLECTUAL

1 AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES;
2 (VI) LOCAL HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS;
3 (VII) LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; AND
4 (VIII) PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS;
5 (b) CONDUCT OUTREACH AND EDUCATE COMMUNITY PARTNERS
6 REGARDING CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE
7 PROGRAM;
8 (c) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM
9 PROVIDERS REGARDING SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND THE USE OF
10 SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR YOUTH;
11 (d) COLLECT DATA AND OUTCOMES FROM CRISIS RESOLUTION
12 TEAM PROVIDERS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS SECTION;
13 AND
14 (e) CONDUCT, OR CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY EVALUATOR TO
15 CONDUCT, AN ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM USING THE DATA
16 AND OUTCOMES COLLECTED FROM CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM PROVIDERS
17 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(d) OF THIS SECTION.
18 (5) BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2028, AND IN JANUARY EVERY YEAR
19 THEREAFTER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE, AS PART OF ITS
20 PRESENTATION DURING ITS "SMART ACT" HEARING REQUIRED BY
21 SECTION 2-7-203, INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRISIS RESOLUTION
22 TEAM PROGRAM.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-109, **amend**
24 (1)(a), (2)(a), (2)(b), (3)(a) introductory portion, (3)(a)(III), (3)(b), (4)(a)
25 introductory portion, (4.5)(a) introductory portion, (4.5)(b) introductory
26 portion, (4.5)(c), and (5); and **add** (1)(a.7) and (2)(a.5) as follows:

27 **27-60-109. Youth mental health services program - established**

1 **- report - rules - definitions - repeal.**

2 (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

3 (a) ~~"Portal" means the website or web-based application described~~
4 ~~in subsection (4) of this section that facilitates the program "ENTERPRISE"~~
5 MEANS THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACCESS ENTERPRISE
6 CREATED IN SECTION 27-60-604.

7 (a.7) "PORTAL" MEANS THE WEBSITE OR WEB-BASED APPLICATION
8 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION THAT FACILITATES THE
9 PROGRAM.

10 (2) (a) There is established in the ~~behavioral health administration~~
11 STATE DEPARTMENT the youth mental health services program to facilitate
12 access to mental health services, including substance use disorder
13 services, for youth to respond to mental health needs identified in an
14 initial mental health screening through the portal. The program
15 reimburses providers for up to ~~three~~ SIX mental health sessions with a
16 youth.

17 (a.5) (I) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2027, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL
18 FUND THE PROGRAM AND OPERATE THE PROGRAM, IN COLLABORATION
19 WITH THE BHA. ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2027, THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND
20 FUNCTIONS OF THE ENTERPRISE INCLUDE THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND
21 FUNCTIONS REGARDING THE PROGRAM THAT WERE VESTED IN THE BHA
22 PRIOR TO THAT DATE.

23 (II) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2027, WHENEVER THE FUNCTIONS OF
24 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR THE BHA RELATING TO THE PROGRAM ARE
25 REFERRED TO OR DESIGNATED BY A CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT IN
26 CONNECTION WITH THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED TO THE
27 ENTERPRISE ON JULY 1, 2027, THE REFERENCE OR DESIGNATION IS DEEMED

1 TO APPLY TO THE ENTERPRISE.

2 (b) The ~~BHA shall~~ PROGRAM MUST reimburse providers who
3 participate in the program for each mental health session with a youth,
4 either in-person or by telehealth, up to a maximum of ~~three~~ SIX sessions
5 per youth client; except that, subject to available money, the BHA
6 PROGRAM may reimburse a provider for additional sessions. To be eligible
7 for reimbursement from the program, a provider must be available to
8 provide ~~three~~ SIX mental health sessions to each youth the provider
9 accepts as a client.

10 (3) (a) The ~~BHA~~ ENTERPRISE shall:

11 (III) Implement a statewide public awareness and outreach
12 campaign about the program. The general assembly encourages the ~~BHA~~
13 ENTERPRISE to involve schools, neighborhood youth organizations,
14 health-care providers, faith-based organizations, and any other
15 community-based organizations that interact with youth on the local level
16 in disseminating information about the program.

17 (b) The state board may ~~promulgate~~ ADOPT rules necessary for the
18 administration of this section, including rules to protect the privacy of
19 youth who receive services through the program. THE STATE BOARD
20 SHALL CONSULT WITH THE ENTERPRISE WHEN ADOPTING THE RULES. ALL
21 RULES OF THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ISSUED BEFORE
22 JULY 1, 2027, CONTINUE TO BE EFFECTIVE AND SHALL BE ENFORCED BY
23 THE ENTERPRISE UNTIL SUPERSEDED, REVISED, AMENDED, REPEALED, OR
24 NULLIFIED PURSUANT TO LAW.

25 (4) (a) The ~~BHA~~ ENTERPRISE shall enter into an agreement with
26 a vendor to create A, or use an existing, website or web-based application
27 as a portal available to youth and providers to facilitate the program. The

1 portal must:

2 (4.5) (a) On or before June 1 of each year, the vendor described
3 in subsection (4) of this section shall deliver to the BHA ENTERPRISE any
4 of the following, collected during the prior year:

5 (b) The BHA ENTERPRISE shall conduct a survey of each provider
6 who participates in the program that solicits feedback about the
7 following:

8 (c) This subsection (4.5) does not authorize the BHA STATE
9 DEPARTMENT, THE BHA, THE ENTERPRISE, a provider, a vendor, or any
10 other person to violate applicable federal or state patient privacy laws.

11 (5) On or before June 30 of each year, the state department shall
12 report to the house of representatives ~~public and behavioral~~ health and
13 human services committee and the senate health and human services
14 committee, or ~~their~~ ANY successor committees, regarding the number of
15 youth who received services under the program, excluding any personally
16 identifiable information in accordance with state and federal law;
17 information in aggregate about the services provided to youth under the
18 program; other relevant information regarding the program; and the
19 information reported to the BHA ENTERPRISE by the vendor pursuant to
20 subsection (4.5) of this section.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 6-1-741** as
22 follows:

23 **6-1-741. Transactions involving covered minors - prices to be**
24 **listed in U.S. dollars - deceptive trade practice - definitions.**

25 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
26 REQUIRES:

27 (a) "COVERED PLATFORM" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN

1 SECTION 27-60-603 (2).

2 (b) "MINOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER EIGHTEEN
3 YEARS OLD.

4 (c) "ONLINE GAMING SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE" MEANS AN
5 ONLINE SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 6-1-1303
6 (16.8), THAT IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE ONLINE GAMING.

7 (2) A COVERED PLATFORM SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PURCHASE
8 PRICE FOR AN ONLINE GAMING SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE THAT IS
9 REASONABLY LIKELY TO BE ACCESSED BY A MINOR IS LISTED IN UNITED
10 STATES DOLLARS AT THE POINT OF SALE.

11 (3) A PERSON THAT VIOLATES SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION
12 ENGAGES IN A DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE.

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 109 to
14 title 22 as follows:

15 **ARTICLE 109**

16 **Youth Programming and Protections Act**

17 **22-109-101. Short title.**

18 THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS ARTICLE 109 IS THE "YOUTH
19 PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE ACT".

20 **22-109-102. Legislative declaration.**

21 (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

22 (a) (I) YOUNG PEOPLE SPEND A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF EACH DAY
23 ENGAGING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA, ONLINE GAMING, AND OTHER DIGITAL
24 PLATFORMS DESIGNED TO MAXIMIZE ATTENTION, FREQUENCY OF USE, AND
25 IN-PLATFORM TRANSACTIONS;

26 (II) ALTHOUGH SOCIAL MEDIA TECHNOLOGIES CAN SUPPORT
27 CONNECTION AND ENTERTAINMENT, EXCESSIVE OR UNSUPERVISED

1 ENGAGEMENT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIAL ISOLATION, DISRUPTED SLEEP,
2 REDUCED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AND INCREASED RISK OF ANXIETY,
3 DEPRESSION, AND COMPULSIVE USE BEHAVIORS;

4 (III) RESEARCH DEMONSTRATES THAT STRONG PROTECTIVE
5 FACTORS, INCLUDING CONSISTENT ACCESS TO SUPPORTIVE ADULTS,
6 POSITIVE PEER RELATIONSHIPS, AND STRUCTURED OPPORTUNITIES FOR
7 ENGAGEMENT, ARE CRITICAL TO PROMOTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH,
8 BUILDING RESILIENCE, AND MITIGATING THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF SOCIAL
9 ISOLATION AND EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME;

10 (IV) RECENT DISABILITY-FOCUSED RESEARCH HAS FOUND THAT
11 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ARE AT HEIGHTENED RISK OF COMPULSIVE OR
12 EXCESSIVE ONLINE GAME USE, INCLUDING INCREASED INATTENTION,
13 OPPOSITIONAL BEHAVIOR, SEDENTARY BEHAVIOR, EMOTIONAL
14 DYSREGULATION, AND MEASURABLE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON ACADEMIC
15 PERFORMANCE WHEN GAMING BECOMES A DOMINANT DAILY ACTIVITY;

16 (V) ONLINE SOCIAL GAMING ENVIRONMENTS FREQUENTLY
17 DISPLACE TIME THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE SPENT ON HOMEWORK,
18 READING, SLEEPING, THERAPY PARTICIPATION, EXTRACURRICULAR
19 INVOLVEMENT, FAMILY INTERACTION, AND IN-PERSON PEER
20 DEVELOPMENT, ALL OF WHICH ARE CRITICAL CONTRIBUTORS TO
21 EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESS;

22 (VI) IN ADDITION TO COMPULSIVE USE, SOCIAL GAMING
23 PLATFORMS EXPOSE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TO HEIGHTENED RISKS
24 OF ONLINE BULLYING, HARASSMENT, MANIPULATION, AND UNHEALTHY
25 SOCIAL COMPARISON IN LARGELY UNMODERATED DIGITAL ENVIRONMENTS,
26 WHICH CAN FURTHER AGGRAVATE ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, SCHOOL
27 AVOIDANCE, AND FEELINGS OF SOCIAL ALIENATION;

1 (VII) OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS ARE A PROVEN STRATEGY
2 FOR DELIVERING THESE PROTECTIVE FACTORS BY PROVIDING SAFE,
3 SUPERVISED ENVIRONMENTS, FOSTERING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS
4 WITH TRUSTED ADULTS AND PEERS, AND ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN
5 HANDS-ON LEARNING, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT
6 THAT REDUCE RELIANCE ON PASSIVE OR EXCESSIVE DIGITAL USE AND
7 IMPROVE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL OUTCOMES;

8 (VIII) THERE IS SIGNIFICANT UNMET DEMAND FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL
9 TIME PROGRAMS ACROSS COLORADO; MANY CHILDREN WOULD
10 PARTICIPATE IF PROGRAMS WERE AVAILABLE;

11 (IX) STATE-LEVEL SUPPORT FOR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING
12 LEGAL RESOURCES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND FAMILY AWARENESS,
13 PROMOTES ACCOUNTABILITY, HELPS FAMILIES NAVIGATE COMPLEX
14 SYSTEMS, AND STRENGTHENS TRUST IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; AND

15 (X) IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE TO INVEST IN
16 PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION STRATEGIES THAT PROMOTE
17 YOUTH WELL-BEING, INCLUDING SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR
18 OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS
19 ENFORCEMENT, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS THAT
20 PROFIT FROM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, INCLUDING GAMING TRANSACTIONS,
21 TO IMPOSE AND COLLECT A FEE ON EACH ADD-ON TRANSACTION TO BE
22 CREDITED TO THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE
23 FUND CREATED IN THIS ARTICLE 109, FROM WHICH FUND THE YOUTH
24 PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE MAY:

25 (A) AWARD GRANTS THROUGH THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME
26 PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-105.5-104; AND

27 (B) SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ENFORCEMENT OF

1 EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-109-105;

2 (b) BY SUPPORTING THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM GRANT
3 PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-105.5-104 AND SUPPORTING THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ENFORCEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS,
5 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-109-105, THE ENTERPRISE ENGAGES IN AN
6 ACTIVITY CONDUCTED IN THE PURSUIT OF A BENEFIT, GAIN, OR LIVELIHOOD
7 AND THEREFORE OPERATES AS A BUSINESS;

8 (c) CONSISTENT WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE COLORADO
9 SUPREME COURT IN *NICHOLL V. E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY*, 896
10 P.2d 859 (COLO. 1995), THAT THE POWER TO IMPOSE TAXES IS
11 INCONSISTENT WITH ENTERPRISE STATUS UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE
12 X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCLUDES
13 THAT THE FEE IMPOSED BY THE ENTERPRISE IS A FEE, NOT A TAX, BECAUSE
14 THE FEE IS IMPOSED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE
15 ENTERPRISE TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE BENEFITS AND
16 SERVICES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO YOUTH
17 USERS OF COVERED PLATFORMS, AND THE FEE IS IMPOSED AT A RATE THAT
18 IS REASONABLY CALCULATED TO OFFSET THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS
19 OF THE SERVICES RECEIVED BY YOUTH USERS OF COVERED PLATFORMS;

20 (d) SO LONG AS THE ENTERPRISE QUALIFIES AS AN ENTERPRISE FOR
21 PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, THE
22 REVENUE FROM THE FEE IMPOSED BY THE ENTERPRISE IS NOT STATE FISCAL
23 YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102, OR STATE REVENUES,
24 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-103.6 (6)(c), AND DOES NOT COUNT
25 AGAINST EITHER THE STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING LIMIT IMPOSED BY
26 SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR THE EXCESS
27 STATE REVENUES CAP, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-103.6 (6)(b)(I); AND

1 (e) NO OTHER ENTERPRISE CREATED SIMULTANEOUSLY OR WITHIN
2 THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS SERVES PRIMARILY THE SAME PURPOSE AS THE
3 ENTERPRISE, AND THE ENTERPRISE WILL GENERATE REVENUE FROM FEES
4 OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS TOTAL IN ITS FIRST FIVE
5 FISCAL YEARS. ACCORDINGLY, THE CREATION OF THE ENTERPRISE DOES
6 NOT REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-77-108.

7 **22-109-103. Definitions.**

8 AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 109, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
9 REQUIRES:

10 (1) "ADD-ON TRANSACTION" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN
11 SECTION 27-60-603 (1).

12 (2) "COVERED PLATFORM" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN
13 SECTION 27-60-603 (2).

14 (3) "ENTERPRISE" MEANS THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND
15 PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION 22-109-104.

16 (4) "FEE" MEANS THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACCESS
17 FEE IMPOSED BY COVERED PLATFORMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-60-605.

18 (5) "FUND" MEANS THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS
19 ENTERPRISE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-109-104 (6).

20 (6) "ONLINE GAMING SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE" MEANS AN
21 ONLINE SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 6-1-1303
22 (16.8), THAT IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE ONLINE GAMING.

23 (7) "PROCESS" OR "PROCESSING" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN
24 SECTION 6-1-1303 (18).

25 (8) "PROCESSOR" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION
26 6-1-1303 (19).

27 (9) "REASONABLY LIKELY TO BE ACCESSED BY A YOUTH" MEANS

1 THAT AN ONLINE GAMING SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE IS REASONABLY
2 LIKELY TO BE ACCESSED BY A YOUTH BECAUSE THE ONLINE GAMING
3 SERVICE, PRODUCT, OR FEATURE IS DIRECTED TO CHILDREN, AS DESCRIBED
4 BY THE FEDERAL "CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT OF
5 1998", 15 U.S.C. SECS. 6501 TO 6506, AND THE ASSOCIATED RULES OF THE
6 FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

7 (10) "YOUTH" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 27-60-109
8 (1)(e).

9 **22-109-104. Youth programming and protections enterprise**
10 **- created - board - powers and duties - rules and policies - fund -**
11 **repeal.**

12 (1) (a) THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE
13 IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE ENTERPRISE IS AND
14 OPERATES AS A GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUSINESS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT
15 FOR THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF COLLECTING FEES IMPOSED BY COVERED
16 PLATFORMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-60-605 AND UTILIZING THE FEE
17 REVENUE TO AWARD GRANTS THROUGH THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME
18 PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-105.5-104 AND TO
19 SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S ENFORCEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS, AS
20 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-109-105. THE ENTERPRISE IS A **TYPE 1** ENTITY,
21 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-1-105, AND EXERCISES ITS POWER AND
22 PERFORMS ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT.

23 (b) THE ENTERPRISE CONSTITUTES AN ENTERPRISE FOR PURPOSES
24 OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION SO LONG AS IT
25 RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS AND RECEIVES LESS
26 THAN TEN PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL REVENUES IN GRANTS FROM ALL
27 COLORADO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COMBINED. SO LONG AS IT

1 CONSTITUTES AN ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1), THE
2 ENTERPRISE IS NOT SUBJECT TO SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE
3 CONSTITUTION.

4 (c) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL BE DIRECTED BY A BOARD OF
5 INDIVIDUALS TO CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

6 (I) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, OR THE COMMISSIONER'S
7 DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBER;

8 (II) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE SPECIAL
9 EDUCATION CONSORTIUM, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE
10 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

11 (III) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE
12 OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMMING ENTITY, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE
13 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

14 (IV) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT
15 ENTITY WITH A FOCUS ON SUPPORTING OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS,
16 TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

17 (V) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS AN ORGANIZATION THAT
18 PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FAMILIES TO ACCESS OUT-OF-SCHOOL
19 TIME PROGRAMS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
20 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

21 (VI) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS A PHILANTHROPIC
22 FOUNDATION WHOSE MISSION INCLUDES SUPPORT FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL
23 TIME PROGRAMS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

24 (VII) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS AN ADVOCACY
25 ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, TO BE
26 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

27 (VIII) ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH EXPERTISE IN FINANCIAL

1 ADMINISTRATION OR GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR NONPROFIT
2 ORGANIZATIONS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
3 SENATE;

4 (IX) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS AN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME
5 PROGRAM PROVIDER IN A RURAL AREA, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE
6 MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE;

7 (X) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS AN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME
8 PROGRAM PROVIDER IN A METROPOLITAN AREA, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE
9 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

10 (XI) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR FOR
11 A SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
12 AND

13 (XII) ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH EXPERTISE IN PROGRAMS THAT
14 SUPPORT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILL
15 DEVELOPMENT, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

16 (d) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
17 (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPOINT THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE
18 BOARD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026.

19 (e) EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE
20 MEMBER'S APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND MAY BE REPLACED BY THE
21 MEMBER'S APPOINTING AUTHORITY AT ANY TIME. A MEMBER APPOINTED
22 AS A REPLACEMENT SHALL SERVE OUT THE REPLACED MEMBER'S TERM
23 AND MAY BE REAPPOINTED TO A FULL TERM.

24 (f) BOARD MEMBERS SHALL SERVE TERMS OF THREE YEARS,
25 EXCEPT THAT:

26 (I) THE INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO
27 SUBSECTIONS (1)(c)(II), (1)(c)(III), AND (1)(c)(IV) OF THIS SECTION SHALL

1 SERVE INITIAL TERMS OF ONE YEAR; AND

2 (II) THE INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO

3 SUBSECTIONS (1)(c)(V), (1)(c)(VI), AND (1)(c)(VII) OF THIS SECTION

4 SHALL SERVE INITIAL TERMS OF TWO YEARS.

5 (g) A BOARD MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO

6 CONSECUTIVE THREE-YEAR TERMS.

7 (h) THE BOARD SHALL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING ON OR BEFORE

8 FEBRUARY 1, 2027. AT THE BOARD'S FIRST MEETING, THE BOARD SHALL

9 ELECT A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

10 (2) THE ENTERPRISE, ACTING THROUGH THE BOARD, MAY:

11 (a) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR PROFESSIONAL AND

12 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE AND TO SUPPLY OTHER SERVICES

13 RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE ENTERPRISE, WITHOUT

14 REGARD TO THE "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE

15 24;

16 (b) BY RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZE AND ISSUE REVENUE BONDS THAT

17 ARE PAYABLE ONLY FROM THE MONEY IN THE FUND;

18 (c) ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS ARTICLE 109;

19 AND

20 (d) ADOPT POLICIES FOR THE REGULATION OF ITS AFFAIRS AND THE

21 CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS CONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE 109.

22 (3) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL:

23 (a) PROVIDE GRANTS THROUGH THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

24 PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-105.5-104; AND

25 (b) SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ENFORCEMENT OF

26 EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-109-105.

27 (4) (a) THE ENTERPRISE IS SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS

1 PROVISIONS OF THE "COLORADO SUNSHINE ACT OF 1972", PART 4 OF
2 ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24.

3 (b) THE ENTERPRISE IS SUBJECT TO THE "COLORADO OPEN
4 RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24. FOR PURPOSES OF THE
5 "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24,
6 AND EXCEPT AS MAY OTHERWISE BE PROVIDED BY FEDERAL LAW OR
7 REGULATION OR STATE LAW, THE RECORDS OF THE ENTERPRISE ARE PUBLIC
8 RECORDS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-72-202, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER
9 THE ENTERPRISE RECEIVES LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL ANNUAL
10 REVENUE IN GRANTS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102, FROM ALL
11 COLORADO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COMBINED.

12 (c) THE ENTERPRISE IS A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR PURPOSES OF THE
13 "SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC SECURITIES ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 57 OF
14 TITLE 11.

15 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE OFFICE
16 SPACE AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO THE ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO A
17 CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS
18 SECTION.

19 (6) (a) THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE
20 FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY
21 CREDITED TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 27-60-605; ANY
22 MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS, AS DESCRIBED
23 IN SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION; AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE
24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.

25 (b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
26 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
27 FUND TO THE FUND.

1 (c) MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE
2 ENTERPRISE. THE ENTERPRISE MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR
3 THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 109, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
4 SUBSECTION (6)(d) OF THIS SECTION.

5 (d) THE ENTERPRISE MAY SPEND NO MORE THAN THREE PERCENT
6 OF THE ANNUAL FEE REVENUE FOR THE ENTERPRISE'S ADMINISTRATIVE
7 EXPENSES.

8 (7) (a) SECTION 24-77-108 DOES NOT APPLY TO THE ENTERPRISE
9 BECAUSE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY CREDITED OR APPROPRIATED TO
10 THE FUND AS FEE REVENUE SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED MILLION
11 DOLLARS IN THE FIRST FIVE FISCAL YEARS OF THE ENTERPRISE'S
12 EXISTENCE.

13 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2033.

14 (8) THE BOARD MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
15 OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF
16 THIS SECTION, SO LONG AS THE COMBINATION OF GRANTS FROM STATE AND
17 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IS LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF THE ENTERPRISE'S
18 TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE.

19 **22-109-105. Educational rights enforcement.**

20 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL USE MONEY MADE
21 AVAILABLE FROM THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS
22 ENTERPRISE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 22-109-104 (6) TO ENFORCE
23 EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN.

24 **22-109-106. Complaints.**

25 IF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECEIVES MONEY FROM THE
26 FUND TO ENFORCE EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AS
27 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-109-105, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TAKE

1 COMPLAINTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-29.5-114.

2 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-105.5-104,
3 **amend** (3)(a) and (3)(b); and **add** (5) as follows:

4 **22-105.5-104. Out-of-school time program grant program -**
5 **created - use of grants - funding - rules - repeal.**

6 (3) (a) The department shall administer the grant program IN
7 CONSULTATION WITH THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS
8 ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION 22-109-104.

9 (b) Subject to available appropriations, THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING
10 AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION 22-109-104, IN
11 CONSULTATION WITH the state board, shall award grants as provided in
12 section 22-105.5-105.

13 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 105.5 TO
14 THE CONTRARY, IN AWARDING GRANTS FROM THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE
15 YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE CREATED IN
16 SECTION 22-109-104 MAY AWARD GRANTS FROM THE YOUTH
17 PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE FUND CREATED IN SECTION
18 22-109-104 (6) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE BOARD.

19 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-105.5-105,
20 **amend** (1) and (3)(a) as follows:

21 **22-105.5-105. Grant program eligibility - application - criteria**
22 **- awards.**

23 (1) To be eligible to receive a grant, an entity:

24 (a) Must be a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation
25 pursuant to section 501 (c)(3) of the federal "Internal Revenue Code of
26 1986", as amended, with at least five years' experience providing
27 affordable and comprehensive academic enrichment and related services

1 to students in the state; and

2 (b) May, but is not required to, have a partnership with a school
3 district in which the entity will provide affordable and comprehensive
4 academic enrichment and related services to students; AND

5 (c) MUST PROVIDE PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES THAT SUPPORT
6 THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH,
7 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING,
8 TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE, FAMILY ENGAGEMENT, SUICIDE PREVENTION
9 SCREENINGS, COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE NAVIGATION, AND
10 SMALL-GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL INTERVENTIONS.

11 (3)(a) THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE
12 CREATED IN SECTION 22-109-104, IN CONSULTATION WITH the department,
13 shall review the applications received pursuant to this section to
14 determine eligibility for the grant program, and, subject to available
15 appropriations, THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS
16 ENTERPRISE, IN CONSULTATION WITH the state board, shall award grants
17 to eligible entities.

18 **SECTION 7. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal
19 year, \$294,984 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This
20 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
21 department may use this appropriation as follows:

22 (a) \$8,778 for use by the executive director's office for personal
23 services related to administration and support;

24 (b) \$247,627 for tax administration IT system (GenTax) support;

25 (c) \$12,079 for use by taxation business group for personal
26 services related to taxation services, which amount is based on an
27 assumption that the division will require an additional 0.2 FTE; and

1 (d) \$26,500 for the purchase of legal services.

2 (2) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$26,500 is appropriated to
3 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
4 received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(d) of this
5 section and is based on an assumption that the department of law will
6 require an addition 0.1 FTE. To implement this act, the department of law
7 may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the department of
8 revenue.

9 (3) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$145,750 is appropriated to
10 the department of law. This appropriation is from the youth mental health
11 services access enterprise fund created in section 27-60-604 (6)(a),
12 C.R.S., from revenue received from the youth mental health services
13 access enterprise that is continuously appropriated to the enterprise
14 pursuant to section 27-60-604 (6)(c), C.R.S. The appropriation to the
15 department of law is based on an assumption that the department of law
16 will require an additional 0.6 FTE. To implement this act, the department
17 of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the youth
18 mental health services access enterprise.

19 (4) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$79,500 is appropriated to
20 the department of law. This appropriation is from the youth programming
21 and protections enterprise fund created in section 22-109-104 (6)(a),
22 C.R.S., from revenue received from the youth programming and
23 protections enterprise that is continuously appropriated to the enterprise
24 pursuant to section 22-109-104 (6)(c), C.R.S. The appropriation to the
25 department of law is based on an assumption that the department of law
26 will require an additional 0.3 FTE. To implement this act, the department
27 of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the youth

1 programming and protections enterprise.

2 **SECTION 8. Severability.** If any provision of this act or the
3 application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
4 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that
5 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
6 this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

7 **SECTION 9. Act subject to petition - effective date.** (1) Except
8 as described in subsection (2) of this section, section 27-60-109, Colorado
9 Revised Statutes, as amended in section 2 of this act, takes effect July 1,
10 2027, and the remainder of this act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day
11 following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment
12 of the general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on
13 May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to
14 section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
15 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
16 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
17 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
18 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
19 governor; except that section 27-60-109, Colorado Revised Statutes, as
20 amended in section 2 of this act, takes effect July 1, 2027.

21 (2) Section 22-109-106, Colorado Revised Statutes, as enacted in
22 section 4 of this act, takes effect only if Senate Bill 26-125 is enacted and
23 signed into law, in which case section 22-109-106 takes effect on the
24 effective date of this act or Senate Bill 26-125, whichever is later.