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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM IN CERTAIN AREAS**
102 **OF THE STATE EXPERIENCING HIGH LEVELS OF OPIOID**
103 **ADDICTION TO AWARD GRANTS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO**
104 **ADDICTION TREATMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
105 **MAKING 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>.)

The bill creates the medication-assisted treatment (MAT) expansion pilot program, administered by the university of Colorado

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

college of nursing, to expand access to medication-assisted treatment to opioid-dependent patients in Pueblo and Routt counties. The pilot program will provide grants to community- and office-based practices, behavioral health organizations, and substance abuse treatment organizations to:

- ! Assist nurse practitioners and physician assistants working in those settings to obtain training and support required under the federal "Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016" (CARA) to enable them to prescribe buprenorphine as part of providing MAT to opioid-dependent patients; and
- ! Provide behavioral therapies in conjunction with medication as part of the provision of MAT to opioid-dependent patients.

The general assembly is directed to appropriate \$500,000 per year for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 fiscal years from the marijuana tax cash fund to the university of Colorado board of regents, for allocation to the college of nursing to implement the pilot program.

Each grant recipient must submit a report to the college of nursing regarding the use of the grant, and the college of nursing must submit a summarized report to the governor and the health committees of the senate and house of representatives regarding the pilot program.

The pilot program is established and funded for 2 years and repeals on June 30, 2020.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 8 to article
3 21 of title 23 as follows:

4 PART 8

5 MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)

6 EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM

7 **23-21-801. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 8 IS THE
8 "MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM ACT".

9 **23-21-802. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
10 FINDS THAT:

11 (a) IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE GROWING OPIOID ADDICTION

1 PROBLEM THROUGHOUT THE NATION, ON JULY 22, 2016, PRESIDENT
2 OBAMA SIGNED INTO LAW THE FEDERAL "COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION
3 AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2016", ALSO REFERRED TO AS "CARA";

4 (b) CARA AUTHORIZES QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND
5 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN COMMUNITY- AND OFFICE-BASED PRACTICE
6 SETTINGS TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN MEDICATIONS USED IN THE TREATMENT
7 OF OPIOID ADDICTION AS A MEANS OF INCREASING ACCESS TO TREATMENT
8 FOR OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS;

9 (c) OPIOID ADDICTION HAS EMERGED AS A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC
10 HEALTH CONCERN IN COLORADO, WITH OVER TEN THOUSAND DEATHS
11 ATTRIBUTED TO DRUG OVERDOSE SINCE 2000 AND THE ANNUAL RATE OF
12 DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS DOUBLING FROM 7.8 DEATHS PER ONE HUNDRED
13 THOUSAND PEOPLE IN 2000 TO 15.7 DEATHS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
14 PEOPLE IN 2015, A RATE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL
15 RATE;

16 (d) SOUTHEAST COLORADO COMPRISES SIX PERCENT OF THE
17 STATE'S POPULATION AND ACCOUNTS FOR EIGHTEEN PERCENT OF
18 ADMISSIONS FOR HEROIN TREATMENT, THE PUEBLO COUNTY JAIL SEES
19 OVER ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED OPIOID PROTOCOL PRISONERS EACH
20 YEAR, AND THE PUEBLO FIRE DEPARTMENT USED AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST
21 TO HALT AN OPIOID-RELATED DRUG OVERDOSE EVENT ONE HUNDRED
22 FORTY TIMES IN 2015;

23 (e) IN ROUTT COUNTY, DRUG OVERDOSE DEATH RATES HAVE
24 INCREASED NEARLY SIX-FOLD FROM 2014 TO 2016, AND OVER SIXTY-FIVE
25 PERCENT OF THESE DEATHS WERE RELATED TO PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS;

26 (f) DESPITE THE PREVALENCE OF OPIOID ADDICTION AND
27 OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE EVENTS IN PUEBLO AND ROUTT COUNTIES,

1 ONLY THREE DOCTORS IN PUEBLO COUNTY AND ONE DOCTOR IN ROUTT
2 COUNTY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT TO
3 OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS IN THOSE COUNTIES;

4 (g) MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT, WHICH INCLUDES THE USE
5 OF MEDICATION AND BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES TO TREAT INDIVIDUALS WITH
6 OPIOID ADDICTIVE DISORDERS:

7 (I) HAS PROVEN TO BE CLINICALLY EFFECTIVE AND TO
8 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE NEED FOR INPATIENT DETOXIFICATION
9 SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID ADDICTIVE DISORDERS;

10 (II) PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE, INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED
11 PROGRAM OF TREATMENT FOR OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS;

12 (III) IS INTENDED TO ACHIEVE FULL RECOVERY;

13 (IV) CAN CONTRIBUTE TO LOWERING A PERSON'S RISK OF
14 CONTRACTING HIV OR HEPATITIS C BY REDUCING THE POTENTIAL FOR
15 RELAPSE; AND

16 (V) HAS IMPROVED PATIENT SURVIVAL RATES, INCREASED
17 RETENTION IN TREATMENT, DECREASED ILLICIT OPIOID USE AND OTHER
18 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AMONG INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE
19 DISORDERS, INCREASED PATIENTS' ABILITY TO ATTAIN AND RETAIN
20 EMPLOYMENT, AND IMPROVED BIRTH OUTCOMES AMONG PREGNANT
21 WOMEN WHO HAVE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS;

22 (h) IN ORDER TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ADDICTION TREATMENT IN
23 AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE OPIOID ADDICTION IS PREVALENT, IT IS
24 NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO AWARD GRANTS TO:

25 (I) ORGANIZATIONS OR PRACTICES WITH NURSE PRACTITIONERS
26 AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN THE TRAINING
27 AND ONGOING SUPPORT REQUIRED TO PRESCRIBE MEDICATIONS, SUCH AS

1 BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES APPROVED
2 BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, TO TREAT OPIOID USE
3 DISORDERS; AND

4 (II) COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES,
5 IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEDICATION TREATMENT, TO TREAT INDIVIDUALS
6 WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS; AND

7 (i) SINCE THE PILOT PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO
8 TREATMENT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, THE USE
9 OF RETAIL MARIJUANA TAX REVENUES TO FUND THE PILOT PROGRAM IS
10 AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 39-28.8-501 (2)(b)(IV)(C).

11 **23-21-803. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 8, UNLESS THE
12 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

13 (1) "ADVISORY BOARD" MEANS THE MAT EXPANSION ADVISORY
14 BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 23-21-805.

15 (2) "COLLEGE OF NURSING" MEANS THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AT
16 THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS, OPERATED
17 BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

18 (3) "FEDERAL ACT" MEANS SECTION 303 OF THE FEDERAL
19 "COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2016", PUB.L.
20 114-198.

21 (4) "MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT" OR "MAT" MEANS A
22 COMBINATION OF BEHAVIORAL THERAPY AND MEDICATIONS, SUCH AS
23 BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES,
24 APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO TREAT
25 OPIOID USE DISORDER.

26 (5) "NURSE PRACTITIONER" MEANS AN ADVANCED PRACTICE
27 NURSE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-38-103 (1.5), WHO IS LISTED ON THE

1 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
2 12-38-111.5 AND IS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING IN
3 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-38-111.6 TO PRESCRIBE CONTROLLED
4 SUBSTANCES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

5 (6) "PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT" MEANS A PERSON LICENSED AS A
6 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BY THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD IN
7 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-36-107.4 WHO IS AUTHORIZED, IN
8 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-36-106 (5), TO PERFORM ACTS
9 CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, INCLUDING PRESCRIBING
10 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

11 (7) "PILOT PROGRAM" OR "MAT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM"
12 MEANS THE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT EXPANSION PILOT
13 PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 23-21-804.

14 (8) "PILOT PROGRAM AREA" MEANS THE AREAS OF THE STATE IN
15 WHICH THE PILOT PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE, AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION
16 23-21-804 (1)(b).

17 (9) "QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT"
18 MEANS A NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO IS A
19 QUALIFYING PRACTITIONER, AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL ACT AND
20 REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT, AND IS REGISTERED IN
21 ACCORDANCE WITH 21 U.S.C. SEC. 823 (g).

22 **23-21-804. Medication-assisted treatment expansion pilot**
23 **program - created - pilot program location - eligible grant recipients**
24 **- rules.** (1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE MEDICATION-ASSISTED
25 TREATMENT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO
26 COMMUNITY AGENCIES, OFFICE-BASED PRACTICES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
27 ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO

1 ENABLE:

2 (I) NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WORKING IN
3 THOSE SETTINGS TO OBTAIN TRAINING AND ONGOING SUPPORT REQUIRED
4 UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT IN ORDER TO PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE AND
5 ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL
6 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF MEDICATION-ASSISTED
7 TREATMENT PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH AN OPIOID USE DISORDER;
8 AND

9 (II) THOSE AGENCIES, PRACTICES, AND ORGANIZATIONS TO
10 PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES AND SUPPORT IN CONJUNCTION WITH
11 MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AN OPIOID USE
12 DISORDER.

13 (b) THE MAT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO
14 PROVIDE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY AGENCIES, OFFICE-BASED PRACTICES,
15 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
16 TREATMENT ORGANIZATIONS PRACTICING OR PROVIDING TREATMENT IN
17 PUEBLO COUNTY OR ROUTT COUNTY.

18 (2) A GRANT RECIPIENT MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH
19 THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

20 (a) TO ENABLE NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
21 PRACTICING OR WORKING IN THE GRANT RECIPIENT'S SETTING IN THE PILOT
22 AREA TO OBTAIN THE TRAINING REQUIRED TO BE A QUALIFIED NURSE
23 PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IN ORDER TO PRESCRIBE
24 BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES APPROVED
25 BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF
26 MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID USE
27 DISORDERS; AND

1 (b) TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT
2 FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS IN THE PILOT AREA.

3 (3) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL ADMINISTER THE MAT
4 EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
5 APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART 8
6 STARTING AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE IN THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR, BUT NO
7 LATER THAN JANUARY 2018. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS,
8 GRANTS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF MONEY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE
9 PILOT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 23-21-808.

10 (4) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL IMPLEMENT THE MAT
11 EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 8 AND SHALL
12 DEVELOP, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM AND IN COORDINATION WITH THE
13 ADVISORY BOARD, PILOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES AS
14 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING GUIDELINES
15 AND PROCEDURES SPECIFYING THE TIME FRAMES FOR APPLYING FOR
16 GRANTS; THE FORM OF THE PILOT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION; THE
17 TIME FRAMES FOR DISTRIBUTING GRANT MONEY, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,
18 AND CONSULTATION TO GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND EVALUATION OF THE
19 PILOT PROGRAM.

20 **23-21-805. MAT expansion advisory board - created - duties.**

21 (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING THE MAT
22 EXPANSION ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH SHALL:

23 (a) REVIEW AND APPROVE PILOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND
24 PROCEDURES;

25 (b) ADVISE AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE COLLEGE OF
26 NURSING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;

27 (c) REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COLLEGE OF

1 NURSING ON GRANT APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
2 GRANT AWARD AMOUNTS;

3 (d) ASSIST THE COLLEGE OF NURSING IN EVALUATING THE PILOT
4 PROGRAM; AND

5 (e) PERFORM OTHER TASKS, AS REQUESTED BY THE COLLEGE OF
6 NURSING, RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF
7 THE PILOT PROGRAM.

8 (2) (a) THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
9 THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE DESIGNATED BY
10 THE ENTITY OR ORGANIZATION:

11 (I) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING;

12 (II) THE STATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREND AND RESPONSE TASK
13 FORCE CREATED IN SECTION 18-18.5-103;

14 (III) THE COLORADO CONSORTIUM FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE
15 PREVENTION, ADMINISTERED UNDER THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND
16 PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
17 ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS;

18 (IV) THE COLORADO NURSES ASSOCIATION;

19 (V) THE COLORADO ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; AND

20 (VI) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
21 COLORADO.

22 (b) IN ADDITION TO THE MEMBERS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a)
23 OF THIS SECTION, AT LEAST ONE MEDICAL OR PUBLIC HEALTH
24 PROFESSIONAL FROM EACH COUNTY IN THE PILOT AREA, APPOINTED AS
25 FOLLOWS, SHALL SERVE ON THE ADVISORY BOARD:

26 (I) THE NORTHWEST COLORADO COMMUNITY HEALTH
27 PARTNERSHIP IN ROUTT COUNTY SHALL APPOINT A MEDICAL OR PUBLIC

1 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FROM ROUTT COUNTY; AND

2 (II) THE PUEBLO COUNTY HEROIN TASK FORCE SHALL APPOINT A
3 MEDICAL OR PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FROM PUEBLO COUNTY.

4 **23-21-806. Grant application - criteria - awards.** (1) TO
5 RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION OR PRACTICE MUST SUBMIT
6 AN APPLICATION TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH
7 PILOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE
8 COLLEGE OF NURSING. AT A MINIMUM, THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE
9 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

10 (a) THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT WILL USE THE GRANT;

11 (b) THE AMOUNT OF GRANT MONEY REQUESTED;

12 (c) THE NUMBER OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN
13 ASSISTANTS WILLING TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TRAINING;

14 (d) IDENTIFICATION OF ANY INCENTIVES TO ASSIST NURSE
15 PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN COMPLETING THE REQUIRED
16 TRAINING AND BECOMING CERTIFIED TO PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE;

17 (e) AN AGREEMENT TO INSTITUTE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR
18 IMPLEMENTING MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT;

19 (f) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE APPLICANT WILL ACHIEVE
20 IMPROVED ACCESS TO MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT IN THE PILOT
21 AREA;

22 (g) IDENTIFICATION OF EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF CARE FOR
23 OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS; AND

24 (h) AN EVALUATION PLAN.

25 (2) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS
26 RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
27 THE COLLEGE OF NURSING REGARDING GRANT RECIPIENTS AND AWARDS.

1 IN RECOMMENDING GRANT AWARDS AND IN AWARDING GRANTS, THE
2 ADVISORY BOARD AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL CONSIDER THE
3 FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

4 (a) THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE APPLICANTS;

5 (b) THE NUMBER OF OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS THAT COULD BE
6 SERVED BY NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WORKING IN
7 OR WITH A PRACTICE OR ORGANIZATION APPLYING FOR A GRANT;

8 (c) THE WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF THE APPLICANT TO IMPLEMENT
9 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING MAT;

10 (d) THE WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF THE APPLICANT TO HAVE NURSE
11 PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PARTICIPATE IN PERIODIC
12 CONSULTATIONS WITH COLLEGE OF NURSING STAFF; AND

13 (e) THE WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF THE APPLICANT TO PARTICIPATE
14 IN THE EVALUATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

15 (3) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, IN THE 2017-18 AND
16 2018-19 FISCAL YEARS, THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL AWARD GRANTS
17 TO APPLICANTS APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND SHALL
18 DISTRIBUTE THE GRANT MONEY TO GRANT RECIPIENTS WITHIN NINETY
19 DAYS AFTER ISSUING THE GRANT AWARDS.

20 **23-21-807. Reporting requirements.** (1) EACH ORGANIZATION
21 OR PRACTICE THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM
22 SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING BY A
23 DATE SET BY THE COLLEGE OF NURSING. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST
24 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

25 (a) THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AND THE DATE ON WHICH THE
26 GRANT WAS RECEIVED;

27 (b) AN ACCOUNTING OF HOW THE GRANT MONEY WAS SPENT AND

1 WHETHER ANY GRANT MONEY WAS NOT EXPENDED;

2 (c) THE NUMBER OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN
3 ASSISTANTS WHO WERE TRAINED AND WHO RECEIVED CERTIFICATION TO
4 PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES
5 APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO TREAT
6 OPIOID USE DISORDER; AND

7 (d) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAINING RECEIVED BY
8 NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; WHETHER THE NURSE
9 PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS COMPLETED THE TRAINING AND
10 ATTAINED STATUS AS A QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN
11 ASSISTANT; WHETHER THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN
12 ASSISTANTS THAT ATTAINED QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR
13 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STATUS ARE CURRENTLY ABLE TO PROVIDE AND ARE
14 PROVIDING MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT TO OPIOID-DEPENDENT
15 PATIENTS; THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS
16 TREATED IN THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS BEFORE THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND
17 THE NUMBER OF OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS TREATED DURING THE PILOT
18 PROGRAM PERIOD BY EACH QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN
19 ASSISTANT.

20 (2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2018, AND ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30,
21 2019, THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL SUBMIT A SUMMARIZED REPORT ON
22 THE PILOT PROGRAM TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
23 OF THE SENATE AND THE HEALTH, INSURANCE, AND ENVIRONMENT AND
24 PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE
25 OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND TO THE
26 GOVERNOR. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

27 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;

1 (b) A LIST IDENTIFYING THE GRANT RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING THE
2 AMOUNT AWARDED TO EACH GRANT RECIPIENT AND A DETAILED
3 DESCRIPTION OF HOW EACH GRANT RECIPIENT USED THE GRANT AWARD;

4 (c) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN
5 ASSISTANTS WHO COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING AND BECAME
6 CERTIFIED TO PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE, LISTED BY COUNTY
7 PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM;

8 (d) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS SERVED DURING THE COURSE
9 OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, LISTED BY COUNTY PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT
10 PROGRAM;

11 (e) A SUMMARY OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES INSTITUTED BY
12 GRANT RECIPIENTS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF MAT BY QUALIFIED
13 NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS;

14 (f) A SUMMARY OF EVALUATION RESULTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;
15 AND

16 (g) A SUMMARY OF LESSONS LEARNED AND RECOMMENDATIONS
17 FOR IMPLEMENTING MAT AS PROVIDED BY NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND
18 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE.

19 **23-21-808. Funding for pilot program.** (1) (a) FOR THE 2017-18
20 AND 2018-19 STATE FISCAL YEARS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL
21 ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS PER FISCAL
22 YEAR FROM THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION
23 39-28.8-501 TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
24 COLORADO, FOR ALLOCATION TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING TO IMPLEMENT
25 THE MAT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM. THE COLLEGE OF NURSING MAY
26 USE A PORTION OF THE MONEY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PILOT
27 PROGRAM TO PAY THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS THAT THE COLLEGE OF

1 NURSING INCURS TO ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM, AS WELL AS TO
2 PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO AND OVERSIGHT OF GRANT RECIPIENTS,
3 FOR DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS, EVALUATION OF THE PILOT
4 PROGRAM, AND PROGRAM REPORTING.

5 (b) IF ANY UNEXPENDED OR UNCOMMITTED MONEY APPROPRIATED
6 FOR THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR REMAINS AT THE END OF THAT FISCAL
7 YEAR, THE SCHOOL OF NURSING MAY EXPEND THE MONEY IN ACCORDANCE
8 WITH THIS SECTION IN THE 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR. ANY UNEXPENDED OR
9 UNCOMMITTED MONEY REMAINING AT THE END OF THE 2018-19 FISCAL
10 YEAR REVERTS TO THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND.

11 (2) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING MAY ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY
12 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS IT RECEIVES TO IMPLEMENT OR ADMINISTER
13 THE PILOT PROGRAM.

14 **23-21-809. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 8 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE
15 JUNE 30, 2020.

16 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,
17 \$500,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use by
18 the regents of the university of Colorado. This appropriation is from the
19 marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S. To
20 implement this act, the regents may use this appropriation for allocation
21 to the college of nursing for the medication assisted treatment expansion
22 pilot program.

23 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.