

## CHAPTER 360

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**LABOR AND INDUSTRY**


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**HOUSE BILL 17-1357**

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also SENATOR(S) Cooke and Williams A., Kerr, Moreno, Tate, Todd.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE SKILLED WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY  
THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-304, **amend** (1)(b)(I) and (2); and **add** (1)(d) as follows:

**8-83-304. Skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key training grant program - creation - award criteria.** (1) (b) (I) For the 2015-16 through ~~2017-18~~ 2018-19 fiscal years, the department shall administer the grant program by accepting and processing matching grant applications submitted pursuant to this section, and the grant review committee shall review and make recommendations for awarding matching grants. The department shall develop application guidelines and establish deadlines for the grant program AND MAY DEVELOP AN EXPEDITED APPLICATION PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(d) OF THIS SECTION.

(d) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24, THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE AN EXPEDITED PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTING AND REVIEWING AN APPLICATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT THAT RECEIVED MATCHING GRANT AWARDS IN THE 2015-16 OR 2016-17 FISCAL YEARS AND IS APPLYING FOR AN ADDITIONAL MATCHING GRANT OR TO EXTEND A MATCHING GRANT AWARD UNDER AN EXISTING AGREEMENT IF:

(I) THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT DEMONSTRATES POSITIVE OUTCOMES RESULTING FROM ITS RECEIPT AND USE OF MATCHING GRANTS UNDER THE **WORK** GRANT PROGRAM;

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(II) THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT DEMONSTRATES THAT ALL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE NAMED IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT APPLICATION AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXPEDITED APPLICATION PROCESS; AND

(III) THE WORK GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE APPROVES THE USE OF AN EXPEDITED APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.

(2) No later than January 1, 2016, and no later than each January 1 thereafter THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2018, the department shall start accepting grant applications for matching grants to be awarded pursuant to section 8-83-305 no later than the April 1 following the application submittal deadline.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-306, **amend** (2) introductory portion as follows:

**8-83-306. Reports.** (2) By May 1, 2017, and by each May 1 thereafter through ~~May 1, 2019~~ MAY 1, 2020, the grant review committee shall submit an annual report to the governor, the senate committee on business, labor, and technology or its successor committee, and the house of representatives committee on business affairs and labor or its successor committee. The grant review committee shall include in the report at least the following information:

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-307, **amend** (3) as follows:

**8-83-307. Skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key training grant program fund - creation.** (3) For the 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 fiscal years, the general assembly shall appropriate a total of ten million dollars to the fund. ~~of which not more than three million five hundred thousand dollars may be expended in any given fiscal year.~~

**SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 5, 2017