

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-second General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 19-1010.01 Shelby Ross x4510

**SENATE BILL 19-231**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Moreno,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**Senate Committees**  
Education

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO SECOND CHANCE**  
102              **SCHOLARSHIP IN THE PURSUIT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR**  
103              **YOUTH PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED TO THE DIVISION OF YOUTH**  
104              **SERVICES.**

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**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 Colorado second chance scholarship (scholarship) in the department of higher education for youth previously committed to the division of youth services in the department of human

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

services.

The bill requires the executive director of the commission on higher education to appoint a program coordinator to counsel and support scholarship recipients.

The bill creates an advisory board to establish the scholarship criteria and select scholarship recipients.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that youth who have been committed face many  
4 obstacles upon release from the division of youth services in the  
5 department of human services, including homelessness, poverty, issues  
6 with school reenrollment, addiction, and unemployment. Financially  
7 investing in the educational success of youth involved with the division  
8 of youth services in the department of human services has proven to have  
9 significant positive impacts on reducing recidivism.

10 (2) The general assembly further declares the Colorado second  
11 chance scholarship created in part 12 of article 3.3 of title 23, Colorado  
12 Revised Statutes, is intended to award scholarships for the pursuit of a  
13 postsecondary credential and gainful employment for youth previously  
14 committed to the division of youth services in the department of human  
15 services.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 12 to article  
17 3.3 of title 23 as follows:

18 PART 12

19 COLORADO SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP

20 **23-3.3-1201. Colorado second chance scholarship - creation -**  
21 **eligibility.** THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
22 THE COLORADO SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, REFERRED TO

1 IN THIS PART 12 AS THE "SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM". SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
2 APPROPRIATIONS, THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SHALL AWARD  
3 SCHOLARSHIPS TO ASSIST PERSONS PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED TO THE  
4 DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
5 IN THE PERSONS' PURSUIT OF A POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL. THE  
6 ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 23-3.3-1203 SHALL AWARD  
7 SCHOLARSHIPS ON A NEED BASIS, BASED ON THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN  
8 SECTION 23-3.3-1203 (3).

9 **23-3.3-1202. Program coordinator - duties.** THE EXECUTIVE  
10 DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION OR THE  
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL APPOINT A PROGRAM  
12 COORDINATOR WHO SHALL COUNSEL AND SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP  
13 RECIPIENTS BY REGULARLY MEETING WITH RECIPIENTS TO SET EDUCATION  
14 AND EMPLOYMENT GOALS AND CONNECT STUDENTS WITH WRAPAROUND  
15 SERVICES.

16 **23-3.3-1203. Colorado second chance scholarship advisory**  
17 **board - creation - duties - report - rules - repeal.** (1) THERE IS  
18 CREATED THE COLORADO SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY  
19 BOARD, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "ADVISORY BOARD", WHICH  
20 CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE MEMBERS:

21 (a) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES IN THE  
22 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

23 (b) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON  
24 HIGHER EDUCATION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

25 (c) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
26 SERVICES OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

27 (d) THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR OF THE COLORADO SECOND

1 CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP; AND

2 (e) AN INDIVIDUAL PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED TO THE DIVISION OF  
3 YOUTH SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THROUGH  
4 LIVED EXPERIENCES APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF  
5 YOUTH SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

6 (2) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING ON OR  
7 BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2019, AT A TIME AND PLACE TO BE DESIGNATED BY  
8 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER  
9 EDUCATION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE. THE BOARD SHALL  
10 MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES EACH YEAR AND SHALL ESTABLISH BY RULE  
11 THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP.  
12 AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES MUST SPECIFY THE INFORMATION A PERSON  
13 SHALL SUBMIT AND THE DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION.

14 (3) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS UP TO TEN  
15 THOUSAND DOLLARS TO APPLICANTS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

16 (a) AN APPLICANT'S PRIOR COMMITMENT TO THE DIVISION OF  
17 YOUTH SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

18 (b) AN APPLICANT'S DEMONSTRATED DEGREE OF FINANCIAL NEED,  
19 BASED ON THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT;

20 (c) AN APPLICANT'S ACCEPTANCE TO AN INSTITUTION THAT OFFERS  
21 POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIALS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AN  
22 ACCREDITED TRADE SCHOOL, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CERTIFICATE  
23 PROGRAM, OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

24 (d) ANY OTHER CRITERIA ADOPTED BY RULE OF THE ADVISORY  
25 BOARD TO IDENTIFY PERSONS IN THE GREATEST NEED OF ASSISTANCE IN  
26 THE PURSUIT OF ANY POST-SECONDARY CREDENTIAL.

27 (4) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SET THE AMOUNT OF EACH

1 SCHOLARSHIP BASED ON THE PERSON'S DEGREE OF FINANCIAL NEED, THE  
2 COST OF ATTENDANCE, THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR THE APPLICABLE  
3 BUDGET YEAR, AND THE ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO WILL  
4 APPLY TO THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE COURSE OF THE APPLICABLE  
5 BUDGET YEAR.

6 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL REPORT ON  
7 THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE ANNUAL  
8 HEARING PURSUANT TO THE "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE,  
9 RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT", PART 2  
10 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2.

11 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.  
12 PRIOR TO SUCH REPEAL, THE COLORADO SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP  
13 PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 24-34-104.

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**  
15 (23)(a)(XI) as follows:

16 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
17 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
18 **declaration - repeal.** (23) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
19 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2022:

20 (XI) THE COLORADO SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
21 CREATED IN SECTION 23-3.3-1201.

22 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
25 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a  
26 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
27 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act

1     within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
2     unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
3     November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
4     official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.