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STATE OF COLORADO**

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SENATE BILL 22-101

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Smallwood,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE**
102 **GRANTS TO COLORADO SCHOOLS TO HIRE SCHOOL RESOURCE**
103 **OFFICERS.**

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 in the department of education (department) the Colorado school resource officer grant program (grant program) to provide grants to public school districts, boards of cooperative services, charter schools, and institute charter schools to provide financial assistance to hire more school resource officers.

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.*

For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, the bill requires the general assembly to appropriate \$5 million to the department to award grants through the grant program. The department may use not more than 2% of the appropriation for costs to implement and administer the grant program.

The grant program repeals on July 1, 2024.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-2-148 as
3 follows:

4 **22-2-148. Colorado school resource officer grant program -**
5 **created - eligibility - funding - school resource officer fund - rules -**
6 **definitions - repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
7 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8 (a) "GRANT APPLICANT" MEANS A COLORADO PUBLIC SCHOOL
9 DISTRICT, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CHARTER SCHOOL, OR
10 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL THAT APPLIES FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS
11 SECTION.

12 (b) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLORADO SCHOOL RESOURCE
13 OFFICER GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (c) "GRANT RECIPIENT" MEANS A COLORADO PUBLIC SCHOOL
15 DISTRICT, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CHARTER SCHOOL, OR
16 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS AWARDED A GRANT PURSUANT TO
17 THIS SECTION.

18 (d) "SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET
19 FORTH IN SECTION 22-32-109.1 (1)(g.5).

20 (2) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE COLORADO
21 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MONEY TO A
22 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CHARTER

1 SCHOOL, OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL TO ASSIST IN THE HIRING OF
2 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS,
3 THE STATE BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT
4 PROGRAM AND SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO GRANT RECIPIENTS IN AN
5 AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE STATE BOARD. A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL
6 USE THE GRANT TO HIRE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.

7 (3) AN ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF
8 COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CHARTER SCHOOL, OR INSTITUTE CHARTER
9 SCHOOL MAY APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
10 PROCEDURES AND TIME FRAMES ADOPTED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD
11 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, TO RECEIVE MONEY
12 THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM.

13 (4) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
14 PROMULGATE RULES AS ARE REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION AND SUCH
15 ADDITIONAL RULES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT
16 PROGRAM. AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES MUST SPECIFY THE PROCEDURES
17 AND TIME FRAMES FOR APPLYING FOR A GRANT, THE FORM OF THE GRANT
18 APPLICATION, ANY INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE GRANT
19 APPLICANT THAT IS IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN
20 SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION, ANY CRITERIA FOR AWARDED GRANTS
21 THAT ARE IN ADDITION TO THE CONSIDERATION STATED IN SUBSECTION (7)
22 OF THIS SECTION, AND THE TIME FRAMES FOR DISTRIBUTING GRANT
23 MONEY.

24 (5) THE STATE BOARD SHALL REVIEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
25 FROM GRANT APPLICANTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

26 (6) TO RECEIVE A GRANT, A GRANT APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT AN
27 APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOARD IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE

1 STATE BOARD. AT A MINIMUM, THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE
2 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

3 (a) THE SCHOOLS WITHIN THE DISTRICT OR BOARD OF
4 COOPERATIVE SERVICES, CHARTER SCHOOL, OR INSTITUTE CHARTER
5 SCHOOL IN NEED OF FUNDS TO HIRE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS;

6 (b) THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS CURRENTLY
7 EMPLOYED AT EACH SCHOOL NAMED IN THE APPLICATION;

8 (c) THE NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS, AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION
9 22-32-109.1 (2)(b)(IV), THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PREVIOUS TWO
10 SCHOOL YEARS AT EACH SCHOOL NAMED IN THE APPLICATION;

11 (d) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED AT EACH SCHOOL
12 NAMED IN THE APPLICATION;

13 (e) THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS THE GRANT
14 APPLICANT INTENDS TO HIRE WITH THE GRANT MONEY; AND

15 (f) THE SALARY REQUIREMENTS OF EACH SCHOOL RESOURCE
16 OFFICER THAT THE GRANT APPLICANT INTENDS TO HIRE WITH THE GRANT
17 MONEY.

18 (7) IN AWARDING A GRANT, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER
19 ACHIEVING THE GREATEST INTENDED IMPACT OF THE GRANT PROGRAM
20 ACROSS COLORADO, RELATIVE TO THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE
21 GRANT PROGRAM, AND AWARD GRANTS TO GRANT APPLICANTS WHO
22 DEMONSTRATE THE GREATEST NEED FOR ASSISTANCE.

23 (8) FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
24 SHALL APPROPRIATE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO
25 THE DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

26 (9) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, BEFORE JULY 1,
27 2023, THE STATE BOARD SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO GRANT RECIPIENTS AS

1 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

2 (10) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE GRANT MONEY
3 WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE STATE BOARD AWARDS A GRANT.

4 (11) THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND UP TO TWO PERCENT OF THE
5 MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM TO OFFSET THE DIRECT
6 AND INDIRECT COSTS INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING
7 THE GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

8 (12) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

9 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
12 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
13 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
14 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
15 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
16 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.