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SENATE BILL 22-182

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC MOBILITY FOR
102 COLORADANS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE
103 ECONOMIC MOBILITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF
104 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

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 economic mobility program within the department of public health and environment and creates the economic mobility program fund, requiring a \$4 million transfer to the fund from

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the economic recovery and relief cash fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 14 to article
3 20.5 of title 25 as follows:

4 PART 14

5 ECONOMIC MOBILITY PROGRAM

6 **25-20.5-1401. Economic mobility program - creation - fund -**
7 **reporting - legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
8 HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

9 (a) THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS HAD DEVASTATING ECONOMIC
10 AND HEALTH CONSEQUENCES ACROSS THE STATE;

11 (b) THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS SPECIFICALLY
12 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS EARNING
13 LOW OR NO INCOME AND EXACERBATED PRE-EXISTING DISPARITIES;

14 (c) ECONOMIC MOBILITY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS TAX CREDITS AND
15 OTHER INVESTMENTS IN FINANCIAL WELL-BEING, IMPROVE FAMILY
16 RESILIENCY AND LONG-TERM HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR
17 COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

18 (d) TAX CREDITS FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS EARNING LOW OR
19 NO INCOME ARE ASSOCIATED WITH FEWER ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EVENTS,
20 REDUCED INFANT MORTALITY, REDUCED CHILD MALTREATMENT, REDUCED
21 TRAUMA, AND BETTER CHILDHOOD NUTRITION. INCOME FROM TAX
22 CREDITS LEADS TO BENEFITS AT VIRTUALLY EVERY STAGE OF LIFE, AND
23 CHILDREN IN FAMILIES RECEIVING THE TAX CREDITS ARE HEALTHIER, DO
24 BETTER IN SCHOOL, ARE LIKELIER TO ATTEND COLLEGE, AND CAN BE
25 EXPECTED TO EARN MORE AS ADULTS.

1 (e) TAX CREDITS ALSO SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIES;

2 (f) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND
3 UPTAKE OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, SUCH AS TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE TO
4 LOW OR NO INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS, WILL RESPOND TO THE
5 COVID-19 PANDEMIC'S NEGATIVE IMPACT IN ALL COMMUNITIES; AND

6 (g) THE PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS SECTION AND SERVICES
7 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION ARE IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

8 (2) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT
9 SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY PROGRAM,
10 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "PROGRAM", TO IMPROVE HEALTH
11 AN EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH REDUCED POVERTY AND
12 IMPROVED ECONOMIC MOBILITY FOR COLORADANS.

13 (3) (a) THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY PROGRAM FUND, REFERRED TO IN
14 THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE
15 TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND
16 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(d) OF THIS SECTION, ALL PRIVATE AND
17 PUBLIC MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS THAT
18 IS TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER AND CREDITED TO THE FUND,
19 AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE
20 OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.

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

24 (c) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR
26 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM AND FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

27 (I) OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT OF AND BY PARTNERS WHO HAVE

1 DIRECT CONNECTIONS WITH FAMILIES AND LOW-WAGE INDIVIDUALS AND
2 WITH HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES TO PROMOTE
3 AWARENESS AND UPTAKE OF ECONOMIC SUPPORTS, INCLUDING TAX
4 CREDITS;

5 (II) FACILITATING COMMUNICATION, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL
6 ASSISTANCE AMONG STATE AGENCY PARTNERS, PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES,
7 AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING ECONOMIC
8 MOBILITY;

9 (III) GRANTS TO NONPROFITS, LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES,
10 AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS
11 WITH ACCESSING ECONOMIC SUPPORTS, INCLUDING THOSE PROVIDING FREE
12 LOW-INCOME TAX FILING SERVICES THROUGH INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
13 CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE SITES;

14 (IV) GRANTS TO SUPPORT ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE TO
15 IMPROVE ACCESS TO FREE TAX FILING ASSISTANCE AND OTHER ECONOMIC
16 SUPPORTS THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF ONLINE PLATFORMS THAT PROVIDE
17 LINKAGES TO SERVICES;

18 (V) DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF COMMUNICATIONS
19 MATERIALS RELATED TO ECONOMIC MOBILITY PROVIDING INFORMATION
20 ON ELIGIBILITY AND DIRECTING COLORADANS TO RESOURCES TO BE ABLE
21 TO ACCESS ECONOMIC SUPPORTS, INCLUDING TAX CREDITS;

22 (VI) GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, AND DIRECT AND INDIRECT
23 PROGRAM COSTS; AND

24 (VII) EVALUATION OF EVIDENCED-BASED AND PROMISING
25 PRACTICES IN ECONOMIC MOBILITY STRATEGIES.

26 (d) ON JULY 1, 2022, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
27 FOUR MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF

1 CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-228 (2)(a) TO THE FUND.

2 (4) THE DEPARTMENT AND ANY PERSON THAT RECEIVES MONEY
3 FROM THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,
4 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
5 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND
6 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
7 24-75-226 (5).

8 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.