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SENATE BILL 22-213

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Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR NECESSARY CHILD CARE**
102 **PROGRAMS.**

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 appropriates:

- \$50 million from federal funds from child care development funds for the purposes of implementing the child care sustainability grant program;
- \$19 million from the economic recovery and relief cash fund to emerging and expanding the child care grant

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.

- program;
- \$10 million from the economic recovery and relief cash fund to implement the employer-based child care facility grant program;
- \$15 million from the economic recovery and relief cash fund to implement the early child care and education recruitment and retention grant and scholarship program. Of the \$15 million, \$2 million must be dedicated for home visiting workforce, early childhood mental health consultants, and early intervention providers, with \$1.4 million of the \$2 million dedicated for non-educator workforce scholarships and loan forgiveness, and \$600,000 for developing consistent workforce pathways; and
- One million dollars to create and implement family-strengthening grant programs from the economic recovery and relief cash fund.

The bill creates the family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) support programs, which include an advisory group and a training program. The family, friend, and neighbor advisory group is created to advise the department on the needs of FFN providers and to make recommendations on changes to regulations, policies, funding, and procedures that would benefit the FFN community. The family, friend, and neighbor training program is created to allow community-based organizations and nonprofit organizations that have expertise working with FFN providers to provide them with information, training, and technical assistance to support best practices.

Subject to available appropriations, the department of early childhood shall make existing state programs available to the FFN community, including, but not limited to, home visitation, early intervention, early childhood mental health, workforce recruitment and retention, and family resource center services.

The bill appropriates \$4.5 million from the economic recovery and relief cash fund to implement the FFN support programs.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend as added by**
 3 **House Bill 22-1295**, 26.5-3-801 (2)(b) as follows:

4 **26.5-3-801. Legislative declaration.** (2) (b) The general
 5 assembly further finds that, to assist the state's workforce in returning to
 6 work and maintaining employment without facing the difficult choice

1 between working and accessing quality child care, it is critical that the
2 state allocate and quickly distribute funding to existing and new child
3 care providers throughout the state AND THAT SUCH ACTIONS CONSTITUTE
4 CRITICAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

5 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-802, **as added**
6 **by House Bill 22-1295, add (6)** as follows:

7 **26.5-3-802. Child care sustainability grant program - created**
8 **- timeline and criteria - grant awards - funding - definitions.** (6) FOR
9 THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL
10 APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS FROM
11 FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES
12 OF IMPLEMENTING THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE MONEY APPROPRIATED IN
13 THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
14 "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24. ANY MONEY
15 APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6) REMAINS AVAILABLE
16 FOR EXPENDITURE UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR.

17 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend as added by**
18 **House Bill 22-1295, 26.5-3-803 (3) and (4)(c)(II); and add (1)(h.5) and**
19 **(6)** as follows:

20 **26.5-3-803. Emerging and expanding child care grant**
21 **program - created - timeline and criteria - grant awards - funding -**
22 **definitions - repeal.** (1) As used in this section, unless the context
23 otherwise requires:

24 (h.5) "GRANT RECIPIENT" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT
25 RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM.

26 (3) (a) The department shall create a process for soliciting,
27 vetting, awarding, and monitoring grants through statewide early

1 childhood councils.

2 (b) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS
3 MAY RECEIVE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF FUNDING IN ADVANCE IN
4 ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTER GRANT FUNDS AND MAINTAIN
5 BUSINESS OPERATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OFFER TECHNICAL
6 ASSISTANCE TO APPLICANTS WITH THEIR APPLICATIONS AND GRANT
7 RECIPIENTS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR AWARDS. THE TECHNICAL
8 ASSISTANCE MAY BE OFFERED TO ALL ELIGIBLE ENTITIES, AS DEFINED IN
9 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, AND FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR
10 PROVIDERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-3-808. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
11 ALSO PROVIDE A GRANT RECIPIENT WITH A SEPARATE GRANT FOR
12 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE GOALS OF THE RECIPIENT'S
13 GRANT.

14 (4) (c) In determining grant awards, the department shall consider
15 eligible entities located in a child care desert. The department shall also
16 consider eligible entities that have or are actively pursuing:

17 (II) A commitment to engaging in quality improvement activities
18 through the Colorado shines system, established in section 26.5-5-101;
19 ~~within eighteen months of receipt of their grant award;~~

20 (6) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
22 ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION
23 24-75-228 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE
24 GRANT PROGRAM. OF THIS AMOUNT, UP TO TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED
25 THOUSAND DOLLARS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD
26 COUNCILS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-2-202, IN SUPPORT OF THE GRANT
27 PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REIMBURSE AN EARLY CHILDHOOD

1 COUNCIL UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE GRANT AMOUNT FOR ALLOWABLE
2 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM.

3 (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6) MUST
4 CONFORM WITH THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL
5 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.
6 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER SPEND OR OBLIGATE SUCH
7 APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2024, AND EXPEND THE
8 APPROPRIATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026.

9 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,
10 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
11 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND
12 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
13 24-75-226 (5).

14 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
15 2027.

16 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend as added by**
17 **House Bill 22-1295**, 26.5-3-804 (3) introductory portion, (8) introductory
18 portion, and (9); and **add** (8.5) as follows:

19 **26.5-3-804. Employer-based child care facility grant program**
20 **- created - timeline and criteria - eligibility - grant awards - reports**
21 **- funding - definitions - repeal.** (3) The department shall solicit and
22 review grant applications from eligible entities beginning on or before
23 June 30, 2021, AND EVERY JUNE 30 THEREAFTER THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024,
24 and begin to award grants no later than September 1, 2021, AND EVERY
25 SEPTEMBER 1 THEREAFTER THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2024. Each
26 application must include, at a minimum:

27 (8) On or before January 30, 2023, and on or before January 30,

1 2024 2025, the department shall report progress on the grant program as
2 part of its "State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and
3 Transparent (SMART) Government Act" hearing required by section
4 2-7-203. At a minimum, the report must include:

5 (8.5) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
7 ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION
8 24-75-228 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING
9 THIS SECTION.

10 (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (8.5) MUST
11 CONFORM WITH THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL
12 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.
13 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER SPEND OR OBLIGATE SUCH
14 APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2024, AND EXPEND THE
15 APPROPRIATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026.

16 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,
17 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
18 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND
19 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
20 24-75-226 (5).

21 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (8.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
22 2027.

23 (9) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2024~~ SEPTEMBER 1,
24 2027.

25 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-805, **as added**
26 **by House Bill 22-1295, add (7) as follows:**

27 **26.5-3-805. Early care and education recruitment and**

1 **retention grant and scholarship program - created - criteria and**
2 **eligibility - grant and scholarship awards - reports - funding - rules**
3 **- definitions - repeal.** (7) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE
4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM
5 THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION
6 24-75-228 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE
7 PROGRAM. THE MONEY APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7)
8 IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "PROCUREMENT CODE",
9 ARTICLES 101 THROUGH 112 OF TITLE 24. FIVE MILLION DOLLARS MUST BE
10 DEDICATED FOR HOME VISITING WORKFORCE, EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL
11 HEALTH CONSULTANTS, AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDERS.

12 (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7) MUST
13 CONFORM WITH THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL
14 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.
15 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER SPEND OR OBLIGATE SUCH
16 APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2024, AND EXPEND THE
17 APPROPRIATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026.

18 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,
19 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
20 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND
21 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
22 24-75-226 (5).

23 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
24 2027.

25 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **as article 3 is added**
26 **by House Bill 22-1295, add 26.5-3-808 as follows:**

27 **26.5-3-808. Family, friend, and neighbor support programs -**

1 **advisory group - training and grant program - funding - definitions**

2 **- repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
3 REQUIRES:

4 (a) "ADVISORY GROUP" MEANS THE FAMILY, FRIEND, AND
5 NEIGHBOR ADVISORY GROUP CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (b) "ELIGIBLE ENTITY" MEANS A FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR
7 PROVIDER THAT IS ACTIVELY PROVIDING INFORMAL, LICENSE-EXEMPT
8 CHILD CARE AND HAS COMPLETED TRAINING IN ONE OR MORE AREAS OF
9 THE TRAINING AND GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS
10 SECTION.

11 (c) "FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR" OR "FFN" MEANS
12 LICENSE-EXEMPT, INFORMAL CHILD CARE PROVIDED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS,
13 OR NEIGHBORS IN AN IN-HOME SETTING ON A REGULAR BASIS PURSUANT
14 TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 26.5-5-303 (6).

15 (d) "TRAINING AND GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE FAMILY,
16 FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR TRAINING AND GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN
17 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (2) (a) THE FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR ADVISORY GROUP IS
19 CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY GROUP IS
20 TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON THE NEEDS OF FFN PROVIDERS AND TO
21 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHANGES TO
22 REGULATIONS, POLICIES, FUNDING, AND PROCEDURES THAT WOULD
23 BENEFIT THE FFN COMMUNITY. AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE
24 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP MUST RESIDE IN COUNTIES WITH A
25 POPULATION BELOW FORTY THOUSAND PEOPLE.

26 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONVENE THE ADVISORY GROUP,
27 WHICH MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

1 (I) MEMBERS OF THE FFN EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE AND
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF GEOGRAPHICALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE
3 FFN PROVIDERS. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
4 ENSURE THAT THE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I)
5 CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP; AND

6 (II) PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE CARE THROUGH FFN
7 PROVIDERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN OR
8 SOCIAL SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTORS, EARLY
9 CHILDHOOD COUNCILS, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, PRIVATE NONPROFIT
10 ORGANIZATIONS, EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, AND
11 PERSONS WITH EXPERTISE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND BUSINESS PRACTICES.

12 (c) MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP MAY RECEIVE PER DIEM
13 COMPENSATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP
14 IN THE SAME AMOUNT PAID TO LEGISLATORS PURSUANT TO SECTION
15 2-2-307 (3)(a). MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP ARE ALSO ENTITLED
16 TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALL ACTUAL AND NECESSARY TRAVEL AND
17 SUSTENANCE EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THEIR SERVICE ON THE
18 ADVISORY GROUP.

19 (3) (a) THE FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR TRAINING AND GRANT
20 PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE
21 TRAINING AND GRANT PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED
22 ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE EXPERTISE
23 WORKING WITH FFN PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE FFN PROVIDERS WITH
24 INFORMATION, TRAINING, AND GRANT FUNDING, AND TO SUPPORT FFN
25 PROVIDERS WITH SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT,
26 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND BEST PRACTICES AND
27 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS EXISTING STATE PROGRAMS. TRAINING

1 PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO FFN PROVIDERS MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT
2 BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

3 (I) IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CHILD CARE AND CHILD
4 DEVELOPMENT;

5 (II) ENSURING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILD CARE
6 ENVIRONMENTS;

7 (III) FOSTERING THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF THE
8 CHILD;

9 (IV) SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL, EMOTIONAL,
10 PHYSICAL, OR COGNITIVE DISABILITIES OR DELAYS;

11 (V) OFFERING CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND EQUITABLE CHILD
12 CARE;

13 (VI) STRENGTHENING THE BUSINESS PRACTICES OF CHILD CARE;
14 AND

15 (VII) PROMOTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

16 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED AND
17 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH FUNDING TO OFFER GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE
18 ENTITIES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A PROCESS FOR SOLICITING,
19 VETTING, AWARDING, AND MONITORING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES,
20 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CREATING A MECHANISM TO COLLECT
21 DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR FEDERAL REPORTING. THE
22 MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD MUST NOT EXCEED NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY
23 DOLLARS. ALLOWABLE USES FOR A GRANT INCLUDE:

24 (I) HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HOME;

25 (II) AGE-APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS;

26 (III) AGE-APPROPRIATE FURNITURE; AND

27 (IV) AGE-APPROPRIATE TOYS AND BOOKS.

1 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES FOR FFN PROVIDERS
2 MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

3 (I) NAVIGATING THE STATE LICENSING AND QUALIFIED EXEMPT
4 PROCESSES;

5 (II) ACCESSING EXISTING STATE FUNDING AND SERVICES;

6 (III) CONNECTING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS; AND

7 (IV) PROVIDING CAREER NAVIGATION ASSISTANCE.

8 (d) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH FFN COMMUNITIES ACROSS
9 THE STATE TO IMPLEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT FOSTER PEER
10 LEARNING AND PROVIDE LOCALLY SPECIFIC SUPPORT.

11 (e) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND PUBLISH A PUBLIC
12 WEBSITE FOR THE FFN COMMUNITY TO ACCESS TRAINING, TECHNICAL
13 ASSISTANCE, AND RESOURCES.

14 (f) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE TRAINING AND
15 GRANT PROGRAM IS CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND LINGUISTICALLY
16 APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE FFN COMMUNITY AND UTILIZES
17 A RESEARCH- AND COMMUNITY-INFORMED CURRICULUM.

18 (4) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT
19 SHALL MAKE EXISTING STATE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE FFN
20 COMMUNITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HOME VISITATION, EARLY
21 INTERVENTION, EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANTS,
22 WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, AND FAMILY RESOURCE
23 CENTER SERVICES.

24 (5) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND
26 DOLLARS FROM THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND
27 CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-228 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES

1 OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

2 (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) MUST
3 CONFORM WITH THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL
4 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.
5 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER SPEND OR OBLIGATE SUCH
6 APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2024, AND EXPEND THE
7 APPROPRIATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026.

8 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,
9 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
10 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND
11 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
12 24-75-226 (5).

13 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
14 2027.

15 (6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT PROGRESS ON THE SUPPORT
16 PROGRAMS AS PART OF ITS "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE,
17 RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT" HEARING
18 REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-7-203.

19 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **as article 3 is added**
20 **by House Bill 22-1295, add 26.5-3-904** as follows:

21 **26.5-3-904. Home visiting for early learning grant program -**
22 **authorized requirements - implementation partner - rules - definition**
23 **= repeal.** (1) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT ONE MILLION
25 DOLLARS FROM THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND
26 CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-228 FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE
27 HOME VISITING FOR EARLY LEARNING GRANT PROGRAM. FOR THE

1 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "HOME VISITING FOR EARLY LEARNING"
2 MEANS AN EVIDENCE-BASED, TWO-GENERATION, AND HOME-BASED
3 PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE ISOLATED BY LANGUAGE,
4 CULTURE, OR GEOGRAPHY AND WHO HAVE CHILDREN AGES TWO THROUGH
5 SIX WHO ARE AT RISK FOR NOT BEING PREPARED FOR KINDERGARTEN. THE
6 HOME VISITING FOR EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM MUST BE PROVEN TO
7 SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE SCHOOL READINESS THROUGH THE DELIVERY OF
8 AN EVIDENCE-BASED PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM THAT INCLUDES LANGUAGE
9 LITERACY, MATH, SCIENCE, GROSS MOTOR DEVELOPMENT, AND SOCIAL
10 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT THAT IS DELIVERED IN THE HOME BY A TRAINED
11 HOME VISITOR.

12 (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) MUST
13 CONFORM WITH THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL
14 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.
15 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER SPEND OR OBLIGATE SUCH
16 APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2024, AND EXPEND THE
17 APPROPRIATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026.

18 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,
19 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
20 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND
21 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
22 24-75-226 (5).

23 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2027.

24 **SECTION 8. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2022.

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