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**SENATE BILL 22-213**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR NECESSARY CHILD CARE**  
102                    **PROGRAMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
103                    **APPROPRIATION.**

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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 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

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.

fund to emerging and expanding the child care grant 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.

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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

1 work and maintaining employment without facing the difficult choice  
2 between working and accessing quality child care, it is critical that the  
3 state allocate and quickly distribute funding to existing and new child  
4 care providers throughout the state AND THAT SUCH ACTIONS CONSTITUTE  
5 CRITICAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

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

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

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

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

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

27 (3) (a) The department shall create a process for soliciting,

1 vetting, awarding, and monitoring grants through statewide early  
2 childhood councils.

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

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

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

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

1 PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REIMBURSE AN EARLY CHILDHOOD  
2 COUNCIL UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE GRANT AMOUNT FOR ALLOWABLE  
3 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM.

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

10 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,  
11 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION  
12 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND  
13 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
14 24-75-226 (5).

15 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
16 2027.

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

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

1 (8) On or before January 30, 2023, and on or before January 30,  
2 ~~2024~~ 2025, the department shall report progress on the grant program as  
3 part of its "State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and  
4 Transparent (SMART) Government Act" hearing required by section  
5 2-7-203. At a minimum, the report must include:

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

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

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

22 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (8.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
23 2027.

24 (9) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2024~~ SEPTEMBER 1,  
25 2027.

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

1           **26.5-3-805. Early care and education recruitment and**  
2 **retention grant and scholarship program - created - criteria and**  
3 **eligibility - grant and scholarship awards - reports - funding - rules**  
4 **- definitions - repeal.** (7) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE  
5 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM  
6 THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
7 24-75-228 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE  
8 PROGRAM. THE MONEY APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7)  
9 IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "PROCUREMENT CODE",  
10 ARTICLES 101 THROUGH 112 OF TITLE 24. FIVE MILLION DOLLARS MUST BE  
11 DEDICATED FOR HOME VISITING WORKFORCE, EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL  
12 HEALTH CONSULTANTS, AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDERS.

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

19           (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,  
20 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION  
21 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND  
22 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
23 24-75-226 (5).

24           (d) THIS SUBSECTION (7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
25 2027.

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

1           **26.5-3-808. Family, friend, and neighbor support programs -**  
2           **advisory group - training and grant program - funding - definitions**

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

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

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

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

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

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

27           (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONVENE THE ADVISORY GROUP,



1 WHICH MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

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

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

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

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

1 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS EXISTING STATE PROGRAMS. TRAINING  
2 PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO FFN PROVIDERS MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT  
3 BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (VII) PROMOTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

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

26 (II) AGE-APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS;

27 (III) AGE-APPROPRIATE FURNITURE; AND

1           (IV) AGE-APPROPRIATE TOYS AND BOOKS.

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

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

6           (II) ACCESSING EXISTING STATE FUNDING AND SERVICES;

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

8           (IV) PROVIDING CAREER NAVIGATION ASSISTANCE.

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

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

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

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

25           (5) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
27 DOLLARS FROM THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND

1 CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-228 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES  
2 OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

3 (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) 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 (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
15 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

19 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,  
20 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION  
21 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND  
22 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
23 24-75-226 (5).

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

25 **SECTION 8. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2022-23 state fiscal  
26 year, \$49,500,000 is appropriated to the department of early childhood.  
27 This appropriation is from the economic recovery and relief cash fund

1 created in section 24-75-228 (2)(a), C.R.S., is of money the state received  
2 from the federal coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund, and is based on  
3 an assumption that the department will require an additional 15.6 FTE. To  
4 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for:

5 (a) \$16,000,000 for use by the early learning access and quality  
6 division for the emerging and expanding child care grant program, which  
7 amount is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
8 additional 3.5 FTE;

9 (b) \$10,000,000 for use by the early learning access and quality  
10 division for the employer-based child care facility grant program, which  
11 amount is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
12 additional 0.5 FTE;

13 (c) \$15,000,000 for use by the early learning access and quality  
14 division for the early care and education recruitment and retention grant  
15 and scholarship program, which amount is based on an assumption that  
16 the division will require an additional 2.5 FTE;

17 (d) \$7,500,000 for use by the early learning access and quality  
18 division for the family, friend, and neighbor training and grant program,  
19 which amount is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
20 additional 8.8 FTE; and

21 (e) \$1,000,000 for use by the community and family support  
22 division for the home visiting for early learning grant program, which  
23 amount is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
24 additional 0.3 FTE.

25 (2) Any money appropriated in subsection (1) not expended prior  
26 to July 1, 2023, is further appropriated to the department from July 1,  
27 2023, through December 30, 2024, for the same purpose.

1           (3) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$50,000 000 is appropriated  
2 to the department of early childhood for use by the early learning access  
3 and quality division. This appropriation is from federal funds from child  
4 care development funds. To implement this act, the division may use this  
5 appropriation for the child care sustainability grant program. Any money  
6 appropriated in this section not expended prior to July 1, 2023, is further  
7 appropriated to the department from July 1, 2023, through September 30,  
8 2023, for the same purpose.

9           **SECTION 9. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2022.

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