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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO SUPPORT THE IN-DEMAND CAREER**
102 **WORKFORCE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

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 directs the state board of community colleges and occupational education (board) to administer the in-demand short-term credentials program (program) in order to support the expansion of the number of available and qualified professionals who are able to meet Colorado's in-demand workforce needs.

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

The bill appropriates \$38.6 million from the general fund for this program. The board is required to allocate funds to community and technical colleges, area technical colleges, local district colleges, and Colorado Mesa university to provide assistance to students for eligible expenses that support their enrollment in eligible programs. If unexpended resources exist, the funds must be used to pay for a student's housing, transportation, or food expenses.

The bill requires the office of future work to provide grants to registered apprenticeship programs that provide training in the building and construction trade at no cost to apprentices. The bill appropriates \$1.4 million from the general fund for this grant program.

The bill appropriates \$5 million from the general fund to create 2 new short-term degree nursing programs at community or technical colleges.

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:

4 (a) Colorado has significant workforce demands in various
5 industries, including early childhood education, education, law
6 enforcement, fire and forestry, construction, and nursing;

7 (b) These industries support other industries across the economy
8 and have a positive return on public investment because: All Coloradans
9 benefit from the availability of child care and education so that they may
10 work while knowing their children are safe and cared for; that the
11 foundational infrastructure is secure through high-quality construction;
12 that fundamental public services are provided through fire protection,
13 forest management, and law enforcement; and that people have access to
14 quality health care;

15 (c) According to labor market index data, Colorado has an
16 opportunity to scale these industries because demand for these industries
17 is projected to grow based on recent patterns suggesting an average of ten

1 to fifteen percent annual increase in these industry jobs;

2 (d) These in-demand industries have significant job openings:

3 (I) The education sector consistently has approximately five
4 thousand job openings, which openings have been exacerbated by
5 professionals leaving the sector because of industry pressures and the
6 COVID-19 pandemic;

7 (II) The nursing sector consistently has approximately twenty
8 thousand job openings;

9 (III) Job openings in the construction sector are anticipated to
10 double because of the historic federal investment in infrastructure and
11 electrification; and

12 (IV) The early childhood sector, the fire and forestry sector, and
13 the law enforcement sector each have approximately one thousand job
14 openings;

15 (e) Investment in postsecondary education and training that leads
16 to careers in these industries demonstrates to Coloradans that these
17 professions are a priority for the state and that supporting enrollment in
18 educational and training programs will ensure a qualified workforce with
19 limited debt and a clear path to employment;

20 (f) The state's investment in the in-demand short-term credentials
21 program is intended to support twenty thousand students pursuing
22 credentials in these industries; and

23 (g) The extraordinary demand for short-term education and
24 training in nursing exceeds the state's current capacity to meet the
25 demand. The state's investment in increasing the capacity is intended to
26 support the training of two hundred additional nurses annually.

27 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 12 to article

1 60 of title 23 as follows:

2 PART 12
3 IN-DEMAND SHORT-TERM
4 CREDENTIALS PROGRAM

5 **23-60-1201. Support for in-demand short-term credentials**
6 **program - created - report - appropriation - definitions - repeal.**

7 (1) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE BOARD, IN
8 COORDINATION WITH ITS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ROLE AND
9 MISSION AS COLORADO'S STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL "CARL
10 D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF
11 2006", 20 U.S.C. SEC. 2301 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, SHALL ADMINISTER THE
12 IN-DEMAND SHORT-TERM CREDENTIALS PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE
13 EXPANSION OF THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE AND QUALIFIED
14 PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE ABLE TO MEET COLORADO'S IN-DEMAND
15 WORKFORCE NEEDS.

16 (2) THE BOARD SHALL ALLOCATE MONEY TO AN ELIGIBLE
17 INSTITUTION BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ELIGIBLE
18 PROGRAMS FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 THROUGH 2025-26 TO
19 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENSES THAT SUPPORT
20 THEIR ENROLLMENT IN ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS.

21 (3) THE PROGRAM BEGINS NO LATER THAN THE START OF THE
22 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR.

23 (4) (a) A STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM SHALL
24 COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
25 OR COLORADO APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID.

26 (b) ANY FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
27 (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AND ANY OTHER FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS

1 RECEIVED BY THE STUDENT, MUST BE FULLY APPLIED TO THE STUDENT'S
2 COST OF ATTENDANCE BEFORE PROGRAM RESOURCES ARE APPLIED TO THE
3 STUDENT'S ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.

4 (5) (a) (I) FOR THE 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
6 EDUCATION FOR ALLOCATION BY THE BOARD THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION SIX
7 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE
8 PROGRAM, OF WHICH NOT MORE THAN EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS MAY
9 BE USED FOR PURPOSES OF MARKETING THE PROGRAM AND NOT MORE
10 THAN ONE PERCENT MAY BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO
11 THIS SECTION.

12 (II) ANY UNEXPENDED MONEY FROM THE APPROPRIATION
13 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)(a) MUST BE USED TO PAY FOR
14 EXPENSES THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE EXPENSES BUT ARE RELATED TO A
15 STUDENT'S HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, CHILD OR DEPENDENT CARE, AND
16 FOOD EXPENSES.

17 (b) ANY UNEXPENDED MONEY REMAINING FROM THE
18 APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) AT THE END OF THE
19 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR:

20 (I) DOES NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND;

21 (II) MAY BE USED BY THE BOARD IN THE 2024-25 OR 2025-26
22 STATE FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION; AND

23 (III) MUST NOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THE
24 PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

25 (6) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ON OR BEFORE
26 EVERY JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO
27 THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION

1 COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR
2 ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE. THE
3 REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

4 (I) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AWARDED FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE
5 PROGRAM IN EACH ELIGIBLE PROGRAM, IN TOTAL AND DISAGGREGATED BY
6 ANY FACTORS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD;

7 (II) IF AVAILABLE, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AWARDED FUNDS
8 PURSUANT TO THE PROGRAM WHO CONTINUED ENROLLMENT IN THE
9 ELIGIBLE PROGRAM IN A SUBSEQUENT ACADEMIC TERM, IN TOTAL AND
10 DISAGGREGATED BY ANY FACTORS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD;

11 (III) IF AVAILABLE, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AWARDED FUNDS
12 PURSUANT TO THE PROGRAM WHO COMPLETED AN ELIGIBLE PROGRAM, IN
13 TOTAL AND DISAGGREGATED BY ANY FACTORS DETERMINED BY THE
14 BOARD; AND

15 (IV) IF AVAILABLE, EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES FOR
16 STUDENTS AWARDED FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE PROGRAM, IN TOTAL AND
17 DISAGGREGATED BY ANY FACTORS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.

18 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE
19 REPORTING REQUIREMENT IN THIS SUBSECTION (6) CONTINUES
20 INDEFINITELY.

21 (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
22 REQUIRES:

23 (a) "ELIGIBLE EXPENSES" MEANS TUITION, FEES, BOOKS,
24 MATERIALS, OR SUPPLIES FOR ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS.

25 (b) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS A COMMUNITY OR TECHNICAL
26 COLLEGE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-60-205, AN AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
27 DEFINED IN SECTION 23-60-103 (1), A LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE DEFINED

1 IN SECTION 23-71-102 (1), AND COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
2 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-53-101.

3 (c) "ELIGIBLE PROGRAM" MEANS AN IN-DEMAND CREDENTIAL IN
4 EARLY CHILDHOOD, EDUCATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE AND FORESTRY,
5 CONSTRUCTION, OR NURSING THAT IS TWO YEARS OR LESS IN DURATION.

6 (d) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE IN-DEMAND SHORT-TERM
7 CREDENTIALS PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (8) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 7 to article
10 83 of title 8 as follows:

11 PART 7

12 CONSTRUCTION REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

13 GRANT PROGRAM

14 **8-83-701. Construction registered apprenticeship grant**
15 **program - created - reports - appropriation - definitions.**

16 (1) (a) THERE IS CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE FUTURE OF WORK WITHIN
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT THE CONSTRUCTION
18 REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO
19 REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN THE BUILDING AND
20 CONSTRUCTION TRADES THAT PROVIDE TRAINING AT NO COST TO
21 APPRENTICES.

22 (b) THE OFFICE SHALL CONSULT WITH THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
23 DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 HIGHER EDUCATION, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND
25 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGES, THE WORK FORCE
26 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGES IN THE
27 DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM TO ENSURE

1 ALIGNMENT WITH, AND REDUCE DUPLICATION OF, RELATED PROGRAMS
2 AND INITIATIVES.

3 (2) (a) THE OFFICE SHALL CREATE A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION
4 PROCESS THROUGH WHICH IT SELECTS REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
5 PROGRAMS IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES AS GRANT
6 RECIPIENTS. A GRANT RECIPIENT MUST SATISFY, AT A MINIMUM, THE
7 FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

8 (I) TRAIN APPRENTICES IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
9 TRADES;

10 (II) AS A PART OF ITS GRANT APPLICATION, DEMONSTRATE HOW IT
11 WILL USE THE GRANT AWARD TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO APPRENTICES AT
12 NO COST TO THE APPRENTICES;

13 (III) AS A PART OF ITS GRANT APPLICATION, DEMONSTRATE HOW
14 IT WILL USE THE GRANT AWARD TO DIRECTLY PROVIDE TRAINING, OR
15 REMOVE BARRIERS TO ACCESSING TRAINING, TO PERSONS FROM TARGET
16 POPULATIONS;

17 (IV) AS A PART OF ITS GRANT APPLICATION, COMMIT TO
18 DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN ITS REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
19 PROGRAM; AND

20 (V) AS PART OF ITS GRANT APPLICATION, PROVIDE ANY OTHER
21 CRITERIA OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

23 (b) THE OFFICE SHALL DEVELOP PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS FOR
24 GRANT RECIPIENTS. THE OFFICE OF THE FUTURE OF WORK MAY TERMINATE
25 A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GRANT
26 PROGRAM IF THE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FAILS TO SATISFY
27 THE PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS.

1 (c) THE OFFICE SHALL DEVELOP A SCALE FOR THE AMOUNT OF
2 MONEY TO BE AWARDED TO GRANT RECIPIENTS BASED UPON FACTORS
3 INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICES IN THE REGISTERED
4 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND THE LOCATION OF THE REGISTERED
5 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

6 (3) (a) THE OFFICE SHALL REQUIRE GRANT RECIPIENTS TO
7 ANNUALLY REPORT DATA TO THE OFFICE. AT A MINIMUM, THE GRANT
8 RECIPIENTS MUST REPORT:

9 (I) THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICES AWARDED FUNDS PURSUANT TO
10 THE GRANT PROGRAM, IN TOTAL AND DISAGGREGATED BY ANY FACTORS
11 DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE;

12 (II) IF AVAILABLE, THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICES AWARDED FUNDS
13 PURSUANT TO THE GRANT PROGRAM WHO COMPLETED A REGISTERED
14 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, IN TOTAL AND DISAGGREGATED BY ANY
15 FACTORS DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE; AND

16 (III) IF AVAILABLE, EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES FOR
17 APPRENTICES AWARDED FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE GRANT PROGRAM, IN
18 TOTAL AND DISAGGREGATED BY ANY FACTORS DETERMINED BY THE
19 OFFICE.

20 (b) BEGINNING IN 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE OFFICE
21 SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT COMPILING THE DATA COLLECTED PURSUANT TO
22 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO THE SENATE BUSINESS, LABOR,
23 AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
24 BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND LABOR COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR
25 COMMITTEES, DURING THE HEARINGS HELD PURSUANT TO THE "SMART
26 ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2.

27 (4) FOR THE 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
2 EMPLOYMENT FOR ALLOCATION BY THE OFFICE ONE MILLION FOUR
3 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR PURPOSES
4 OF THIS SECTION. ANY UNEXPENDED MONEY REMAINING AT THE END OF
5 THE 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR FROM THE APPROPRIATION LISTED IN THIS
6 SUBSECTION (4):

7 (a) DOES NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER
8 FUND;

9 (b) MAY BE USED BY THE OFFICE IN THE 2024-25 OR 2025-26
10 STATE FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION; AND

11 (c) MUST NOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THE
12 PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

13 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
14 REQUIRES:

15 (a) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE CONSTRUCTION REGISTERED
16 APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
17 SECTION.

18 (b) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF THE FUTURE OF WORK
19 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 8-77-110.

20 (c) "REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" HAS THE SAME
21 MEANING AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-15.7-101 (13).

22 (d) "TARGET POPULATIONS" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS DEFINED
23 IN SECTION 8-83-601 (13).

24 **8-83-702. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 7 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE
25 JULY 1, 2027.

26 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-104, **amend**
27 **(1)(b)(I); and add (1)(c.5) as follows:**

1 **23-1-104. Financing the system of postsecondary education -**
2 **report.** (1) (b) (I) For the 2010-11 fiscal year and for fiscal years
3 beginning on or after July 1, 2016, the general assembly shall make
4 annual appropriations of general fund money, of cash funds received from
5 tuition income, and of money that is estimated to be received by an
6 institution, under the direction and control of the governing board, as
7 stipends, as defined in section 23-18-102, and through fee-for-service
8 contracts, as authorized in section 23-1-109.7 or 23-18-303.5, whichever
9 is applicable, as a single line item to each governing board for the
10 operation of its campuses; except that, if the general assembly
11 appropriates money, as described in subsection (1)(c) of this section, to
12 the Colorado state forest service, the agricultural experiment station
13 department of the Colorado state university, ~~or~~ the Colorado state
14 university cooperative extension service, OR TO THE STATE BOARD FOR
15 COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION AS DESCRIBED IN
16 SUBSECTION (1)(c.5) OF THIS SECTION, such money shall not be included
17 within the single line item appropriations described in this subsection
18 (1)(b).

19 (c.5) IN ADDITION TO ANY APPROPRIATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO
20 SUBSECTION (1)(b) OR (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
21 MAY MAKE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF GENERAL FUND MONEY AS
22 SEPARATE LINE ITEMS TO THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES
23 AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION FOR THE IN-DEMAND SHORT-TERM
24 CREDENTIALS PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 23-60-1201.

25 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-103, **add** (12)
26 as follows:

27 **23-3.3-103. Annual appropriations - repeal.** (12) (a) THE

1 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION CONCERNING
2 APPROPRIATIONS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS
3 ARTICLE 3.3 DO NOT APPLY TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO
4 SECTION 23-60-1201 FOR THE IN-DEMAND SHORT-TERM CREDENTIALS
5 PROGRAM.

6 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (12) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

7 SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 23-60-214 as
8 follows:

9 **23-60-214. Develop short-term degree nursing programs -**
10 **appropriation - repeal.** (1) FOR THE 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE
11 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
12 EDUCATION FOR ALLOCATION BY THE BOARD FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM
13 THE GENERAL FUND TO ESTABLISH TWO NEW SHORT-TERM DEGREE
14 NURSING PROGRAMS AT COMMUNITY OR TECHNICAL COLLEGES DESCRIBED
15 IN SECTION 23-60-205. THE FUNDS MUST BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING
16 PURPOSES, AS APPLICABLE, TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SHORT-TERM
17 DEGREE NURSING PROGRAMS:

18 (a) NEW SHORT-TERM DEGREE PROGRAM CURRICULUM
19 DEVELOPMENT;

20 (b) NEW SHORT-TERM DEGREE PROGRAM EQUIPMENT AND
21 SUPPLIES;

22 (c) NEW SHORT-TERM DEGREE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION,
23 INCLUDING ACCREDITATION COSTS; AND

24 (d) NEW SHORT-TERM DEGREE ADMINISTRATION COSTS, INCLUDING
25 REPORTING.

26 (2) ANY UNEXPENDED MONEY REMAINING AT THE END OF THE
27 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR FROM THE APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO

1 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION:

2 (a) DOES NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER
3 FUND;

4 (b) MAY BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN
5 THE 2024-25 OR 2025-26 STATE FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER
6 APPROPRIATION; AND

7 (c) MUST NOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THE
8 PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

9 (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

10 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-102, **amend**
11 (1)(e) as follows:

12 **25-1.5-102. Epidemic and communicable diseases - powers and**
13 **duties of department - rules - definitions.** (1) The department has, in
14 addition to all other powers and duties imposed upon it by law, the
15 powers and duties provided in this section as follows:

16 (e) For fiscal year 2022-23, the general assembly shall appropriate
17 ten million dollars from the economic recovery and relief cash fund
18 created in section 24-75-228 to the department. The department shall use
19 this appropriation for recruitment and re-engagement efforts of workers
20 in the health-care profession with current or expired licenses and staffing.
21 ANY MONEY REMAINING AT THE END OF THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR
22 FROM THIS APPROPRIATION IS FURTHER APPROPRIATED TO THE
23 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. ANY MONEY THAT IS
24 NOT EXPENDED OR OBLIGATED BY DECEMBER 30, 2024, REVERTS TO THE
25 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021" CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION
26 24-75-226 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-75-226 (4)(d). ANY
27 MONEY OBLIGATED BY DECEMBER 30, 2024, MUST BE EXPENDED BY

1 DECEMBER 31, 2026.

2 SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-406, amend
3 (9) as follows:

4 25-1.5-406. School nurse grant program - creation - eligibility
5 - award of grants - rules - report - legislative declaration - definitions.

6 (9) The general assembly shall appropriate three million dollars from the
7 economic recovery and relief cash fund created in section 24-75-228 to
8 the department for the GRANT program. ANY MONEY REMAINING AT THE
9 END OF THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR FROM THIS APPROPRIATION IS
10 FURTHER APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
11 SECTION. ANY MONEY THAT IS NOT EXPENDED OR OBLIGATED BY
12 DECEMBER 30, 2024, REVERTS TO THE "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF
13 2021" CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-226 (2) IN ACCORDANCE
14 WITH SECTION 24-75-226 (4)(d) . ANY MONEY OBLIGATED BY DECEMBER
15 30, 2024, MUST BE EXPENDED BY DECEMBER 31, 2026.

16 SECTION 9. Appropriation. (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal
17 year, \$43,600,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education
18 for allocation to the state board for community colleges and occupational
19 education. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this
20 act, the board may use this appropriation as follows:

21 (a) \$38,600,000 for the in-demand short-term credentials program;

22 and

23 (b) \$5,000,000 for short-term degree nursing programs.

24 (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$1,400,000 is appropriated
25 to the department of labor and employment. This appropriation is from
26 the general fund, and is based on an assumption that the department will
27 require an additional 1.2 FTE. To implement this act, the department may

1 use this appropriation for the construction registered apprenticeship grant
2 program administered by the office of the future of work.

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