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SENATE BILL 23-154

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE VETERANS ONE-STOP**
102 **CENTER IN GRAND JUNCTION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE 2022 SUNSET**
104 **REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.**

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/>.)

Sunset Process - Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee. The bill implements the recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies' sunset review and report on the veterans one-stop

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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center in Grand Junction (center) by:

- Continuing the center for 7 years, until September 1, 2030;
- Codifying that the name of the center is the "western region one source"; and
- Setting a December 31, 2023, deadline for the division of veterans affairs, in consultation with the center's advisory board, to develop procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of the center.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
3 (24)(a)(V); and **add** (31)(a)(VIII) as follows:

4 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
5 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
6 **declaration - repeal.** (24) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
7 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2023:

8 (V) ~~The Grand Junction veterans one-stop center established~~
9 ~~pursuant to section 28-5-713;~~

10 (31) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
11 for repeal on September 1, 2030:

12 (VIII) THE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER, KNOWN AS THE
13 "WESTERN REGION ONE SOURCE", ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION
14 28-5-713;

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-713, **amend**
16 (1)(a), (1)(c), (3) introductory portion, (4)(f), and (5) as follows:

17 **28-5-713. Western region one source - veterans one-stop**
18 **center - advisory board - fund - definition - repeal.** (1) (a) ~~On and~~
19 ~~after November 1, 2018;~~ The division of veterans affairs may operate a
20 veterans one-stop center in Grand Junction, KNOWN AS THE "WESTERN
21 REGION ONE SOURCE", for the purpose of providing a central and

1 accessible location where veterans, service members, and their family
2 members in the western portion of the state may have access to assistance
3 and resources. The division shall operate the veterans one-stop center
4 subject to available appropriations from the general assembly. The
5 division may staff the veterans one-stop center with employees of the
6 department of military and veterans affairs, or the division may contract
7 with one or more private vendors for the management of the facility.

8 (c) As used in this section, "veterans one-stop center" means a
9 facility, KNOWN AS THE "WESTERN REGION ONE SOURCE", where
10 government agencies, nonprofit and advocacy organizations, and other
11 organizations collaborate to offer services for veterans and their families
12 in a convenient central location. Services offered at the veterans one-stop
13 center may include, but are not limited to, assistance for veterans in
14 securing federal benefits, counseling services, employment support,
15 education, life skills, and wellness support.

16 (3) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2023, the division, in
17 consultation with the advisory board established pursuant to subsection
18 (2) of this section, shall develop procedures for evaluating the
19 effectiveness of the veterans one-stop center. The division shall provide
20 the procedures and the annual results of the procedures to:

21 (4) (f) The state treasurer shall transfer all unexpended and
22 unencumbered money in the fund on September 1, ~~2023~~ **2030**, to the
23 Colorado state veterans trust fund created in section 28-5-709.

24 (5) This section is repealed, effective September 1, ~~2023~~ **2030**.
25 Before its repeal, the department of regulatory agencies shall review the
26 veterans one-stop center operated by the division pursuant to this section
27 in accordance with section 24-34-104.

1 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
4 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
5 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
6 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
7 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
8 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.