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SENATE BILL 24-053

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN EVALUATION OF RACIAL EQUITY FOR BLACK
102 COLORADANS.

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 requires the state historical society (society), commonly known as history Colorado, to conduct a study to determine any historical and ongoing effects of slavery and subsequent systemic racism on Black Coloradans that may be attributed to Colorado state policies, and to identify measures that are consistent with the constitution to address those effects. The society may enter into an agreement with a third-party entity

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to conduct all or parts of the study. As part of the study, the society shall conduct at least 2 public comment sessions for members of the public to provide input to the society related to the study. The society is required to submit a report to the general assembly and governor and make the report available on a publicly accessible webpage of the society's website.

The bill establishes the Black Coloradan racial equity steering committee (steering committee) to provide input to the society about the study, including guidance about the research, economic analysis, and recommendations. The steering committee also assists the society in conducting the public comment sessions. The society shall provide the steering committee with regular periodic updates about the status of the study. The steering committee may submit to the society comments and recommendations for inclusion in the society's report to the general assembly and governor. After the study is completed, the steering committee shall work as necessary to effectuate implementation of the recommendations in the study report.

The bill is contingent upon the society receiving \$100,000 of gifts, grants, or donations for the purpose of conducting the study.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-80-218 as
3 follows:

4 **24-80-218. Black Coloradan racial equity study - steering**
5 **committee - notice to the revisor - funding - report - legislative**
6 **declaration - definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
7 FINDS, DETERMINES, AND DECLARES THAT:

8 (I) THE LEGACY OF SLAVERY, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND
9 SYSTEMIC RACISM HAS HARMED BLACK COLORADANS AND CONTINUES TO
10 HARM BLACK COLORADANS IN MATERIAL WAYS. BLACK INDIVIDUALS AND
11 COMMUNITIES, WHOSE UNPAID LABOR FORMED THE BASIS FOR WEALTH
12 AND POWER IN THIS COUNTRY, ARE OWED THE OPPORTUNITY AND
13 RESOURCES TO BUILD WEALTH AND POWER FOR THEMSELVES. LIKE MANY
14 WESTERN STATES, COLORADO IS WIDELY PERCEIVED AS HISTORICALLY
15 ABSTINENT FROM PARTICIPATING IN SLAVERY. HOWEVER, SLAVERY WAS

1 ONLY FULLY ABOLISHED IN THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION IN 2018.

2 (II) COLORADO DEMONSTRATES A TRACK RECORD OF RACIAL
3 DISCRIMINATION, RESULTING DIRECTLY IN RACIAL DISPARITIES. THE KU
4 KLUX KLAN WIELDED GREAT INFLUENCE AND POWER IN DENVER AND IN
5 STATE POLITICS IN THE 1920s. MAJOR COLORADO TOWNS SUCH AS
6 DENVER, GRAND JUNCTION, PUEBLO, AND CANON CITY WERE HOTBEDS
7 OF KLAN ACTIVITY. THE KLAN IN COLORADO PEAKED IN 1925. BY THIS
8 TIME, IT HAD INFILTRATED ALL LEVELS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT. THE
9 KLAN CONTROLLED MANY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, HELD A STATE
10 SUPREME COURT JUDGESHIP AND SEVEN DENVER DISTRICT COURT
11 BENCHES, AND HAD CONTROLLING MAJORITIES IN SOME TOWN COUNCILS.
12 SOME OF THE MOST NOTABLE KLANSMEN AT THE TIME INCLUDED THE
13 MAYOR AND POLICE CHIEF OF DENVER AND THE GOVERNOR OF COLORADO.

14 (III) THE IMPACT OF THOSE IN POWER TRANSPIRES INTO POLICIES,
15 SYSTEMS, AND PRACTICES ADOPTED AT THE STATE LEVEL. THOSE POLICIES,
16 SYSTEMS, AND PRACTICES ARE BUILT UPON OVER DECADES AND FURTHER
17 INGRAIN INEQUITIES THAT HAVE A DISPARATE IMPACT ON BLACK
18 COLORADANS.

19 (IV) IN 2020, THE HOME OWNERSHIP GAP BETWEEN BLACK AND
20 WHITE COLORADANS WAS THIRTY-ONE PERCENT. JUST TWENTY-FIVE
21 PERCENT OF ADULT BLACK COLORADANS HAVE EARNED A
22 POSTSECONDARY DEGREE OR CREDENTIAL, WHILE NINETY-ONE AND
23 FOUR-TENTHS PERCENT OF TIER ONE JOBS IDENTIFIED IN THE COLORADO
24 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S 2022 TALENT PIPELINE REPORT AND
25 SEVENTY AND FOUR-TENTHS PERCENT OF TIER TWO JOBS REQUIRE A
26 POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL. IN COLORADO, BLACK INDIVIDUALS
27 CONSTITUTE FIVE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION BUT SEVENTEEN PERCENT

1 OF THOSE IN JAIL AND EIGHTEEN PERCENT OF THOSE IN PRISON. AT
2 THIRTEEN AND SEVEN-TENTHS PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT, BLACK
3 WORKERS IN COLORADO FACED HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAN
4 OTHER RACIAL GROUPS SURVEYED BETWEEN MAY 2021 AND APRIL 2022.
5 BLACK COLORADANS EXPERIENCE A WIDE ARRAY OF NEGATIVE HEALTH
6 OUTCOMES AT RATES THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATE TO WHITE
7 COLORADANS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: FOOD INSECURITY, INFANT
8 MORTALITY, CHILDHOOD ASTHMA, DIABETES, AND HIV AND AIDS. THE
9 AVERAGE BLACK COLORADAN HAS A LIFE EXPECTANCY NEARLY THREE
10 YEARS FEWER THAN THE AVERAGE WHITE COLORADAN.

11 (V) DISPARITIES IN BOTH K-12 EDUCATION AND POSTSECONDARY
12 TRAINING, INCLUDING HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE TRAINING;
13 HOME OWNERSHIP; HEALTH DISPARITIES AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE;
14 AND A SYSTEMICALLY UNJUST CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, COMBINED WITH
15 POLICE BRUTALITY, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A REALITY IN WHICH HALF OF
16 BLACK FAMILIES IN COLORADO ARE CONSIDERED LOW-INCOME. A LACK
17 OF ACCESS TO ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND FINANCIAL PROSPERITY HAS
18 IMPACTED BLACK COLORADANS FOR GENERATIONS. BLACK COLORADANS'
19 LOST EARNINGS AND ASSETS DETRACT FROM COLORADO'S LABOR FORCE
20 AND TAX BASE, AS WELL AS THE GROWTH OF COLORADO'S ECONOMY.

21 (VI) RACIAL EQUITY STUDIES ARE TOOLS USED TO QUALIFY AND
22 QUANTIFY PAST DISCRIMINATION AND RECOMMEND CERTAIN CORRECTIVE
23 MEASURES AS MAY BE WARRANTED BY THE STUDY'S FINDINGS.

24 (b) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT AN
25 INDEPENDENT STUDY MUST BE CONDUCTED AND A STEERING COMMITTEE
26 BE CREATED IN THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO DETERMINE THE
27 EXTENT TO WHICH BLACK COLORADANS HAVE EXPERIENCED AND

1 CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION DIRECTLY LINKED TO
2 HARMFUL PRACTICES, SYSTEMS, AND POLICIES OF THE STATE AND TO
3 QUANTIFY THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF ANY DISCRIMINATION DISCOVERED
4 DURING THE STUDY.

5 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
6 REQUIRES:

7 (a) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
8 THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

9 (b) "HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BLACK COLORADANS" OR "BLACK
10 COLORADANS" MEANS AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSONS, INCLUDING
11 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ORIGINS IN ANY OF THE BLACK RACIAL GROUPS,
12 WHO HAVE RESIDED OR WHO ARE RESIDING IN COLORADO.

13 (c) "STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY" OR "SOCIETY" MEANS THE STATE
14 HISTORICAL SOCIETY ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 24-80-201 AND COMMONLY
15 KNOWN AS HISTORY COLORADO.

16 (d) "STEERING COMMITTEE" MEANS THE BLACK COLORADAN
17 RACIAL EQUITY STEERING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF
18 THIS SECTION.

19 (e) "STUDY" MEANS THE STUDY TO DETERMINE ANY POTENTIAL
20 HISTORICAL AND ONGOING EFFECTS OF SLAVERY AND SUBSEQUENT
21 SYSTEMIC RACISM ON BLACK COLORADANS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO
22 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (f) "THIRD-PARTY ENTITY" MEANS A RESEARCH ENTITY THAT HAS
24 ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOCIETY TO CONDUCT ALL OR
25 PART OF THE STUDY DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION OR AN ENTITY THAT
26 CONTRACTS WITH THE SOCIETY TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE
27 STEERING COMMITTEE.

1 (3) (a) THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY
2 TO DETERMINE ANY POTENTIAL HISTORICAL AND ONGOING EFFECTS OF
3 SLAVERY AND SUBSEQUENT SYSTEMIC RACISM ON BLACK COLORADANS
4 THAT MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO COLORADO STATE POLICIES. THE GOALS OF
5 THE STUDY ARE TO:

6 (I) DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH BLACK COLORADANS HAVE
7 EXPERIENCED AND CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
8 DIRECTLY LINKED TO HARMFUL PRACTICES, SYSTEMS, AND POLICIES OF
9 THE STATE THAT HAVE EXISTED HISTORICALLY OR THAT CONTINUE TO
10 EXIST;

11 (II) QUANTIFY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BLACK COLORADANS,
12 INCLUDING IMPACTS ON INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, OF ANY
13 DISCRIMINATION DISCOVERED DURING THE STUDY, TO THE EXTENT THAT
14 THE STUDY ESTABLISHES THAT DISPARITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO PAST OR
15 PRESENT DISCRIMINATION EXIST; AND

16 (III) IDENTIFY MEASURES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE
17 CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF DISCRIMINATION THAT MAY
18 BE ATTRIBUTED TO STATE POLICIES.

19 (b) (I) THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAY ENTER INTO AN
20 AGREEMENT WITH ONE OR MORE THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES TO CONDUCT ALL
21 OR PART OF THE STUDY DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION. IF THE SOCIETY
22 ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY TO CONDUCT
23 ALL OR PART OF THE STUDY, THE THIRD-PARTY ENTITY SHALL CARRY OUT
24 ANY RELEVANT DUTY OF THE SOCIETY REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3).

25 (II) A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY THAT ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT
26 WITH THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO CONDUCT ALL OR PART OF THE
27 STUDY MUST HAVE:

- 1 (A) EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH BLACK COMMUNITIES;
- 2 (B) AN UNDERSTANDING OF BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE, WITH
- 3 DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE WORKING ON ISSUES RELATED TO BLACK
- 4 HISTORY, SOCIAL EQUITY, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY;
- 5 (C) TEAM MEMBERS WHO IDENTIFY AS BLACK; AND
- 6 (D) AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA AND HOW IT
- 7 PASSES THROUGH GENERATIONS.

8 (III) A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY MAY BE FROM OUTSIDE COLORADO.

9 (c) THE STUDY MUST FOCUS ON AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING, AS

10 EACH MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO STATE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, POLICIES,

11 SYSTEMS, AND PRACTICES:

12 (I) RESEARCH ON POTENTIAL HISTORICAL AND ONGOING EFFECTS

13 OF SLAVERY AND SUBSEQUENT SYSTEMIC RACISM ON BLACK COLORADANS

14 IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT AREAS: ACCESS TO ASSET AND WEALTH

15 BUILDING, BOTH AS THEY RELATE TO OTHER SUBJECT AREAS STUDIED AND

16 INDEPENDENT OF OTHER SUBJECT AREAS STUDIED, INCLUDING

17 RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LOANS, CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, AND

18 GRANTS FOR BUSINESSES; TAX POLICY; K-12 EDUCATION; POSTSECONDARY

19 EDUCATION, INCLUDING HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE TRAINING

20 PROGRAMS; HOME OWNERSHIP AND ACCESS TO HOUSING AS AN OWNER OR

21 TENANT; HEALTH DISPARITIES AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE; POLICING

22 AND POLICE BRUTALITY; INCARCERATION FOR CRIMES; AND OVERALL

23 TREATMENT OF BLACK COLORADANS AND TRENDS IN THE CRIMINAL

24 JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE SOCIETY SHALL FOCUS ITS RESEARCH IN THE

25 SUBJECT AREAS BASED ON GUIDANCE FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

26 ABOUT SPECIFIC TOPICS FOR STUDY WITHIN THE SUBJECT AREAS.

27 (II) RESEARCH INTO THE EXTENT STATE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES'

1 POLICIES, SYSTEMS, AND PRACTICES MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO ANY
2 HARM CAUSED TO HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BLACK COLORADANS; AND

3 (III) AN ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF
4 SYSTEMIC RACISM ON HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BLACK COLORADANS AND,
5 IF FEASIBLE, AN ESTIMATION OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT ON COLORADO'S
6 ECONOMY RESULTING FROM GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES, SYSTEMS, AND
7 PRACTICES IN COLORADO.

8 (d) (I) THE SOCIETY, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE STEERING
9 COMMITTEE, SHALL CONDUCT AT LEAST TWO PUBLIC COMMENT SESSIONS
10 IN DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS IN THE STATE FOR THE PUBLIC TO
11 COMMENT AND PROVIDE INPUT TO THE SOCIETY RELATED TO THE
12 PERCEIVED IMPACT THAT STATE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, POLICIES,
13 SYSTEMS, AND PRACTICES HAVE HAD THAT HAVE RESULTED IN SYSTEMIC
14 RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION ON HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BLACK
15 COLORADANS, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND
16 THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. EACH PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION MUST BE
17 HELD AT A TIME AND IN A PLACE THAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE
18 DETERMINES IS SUFFICIENT TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. THE
19 SOCIETY SHALL ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE AND
20 PROVIDE COMMENTS IN PERSON, REMOTELY, AND IN WRITING.

21 (II) THE SOCIETY MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION AND AFTER
22 CONSULTATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE, CONDUCT ADDITIONAL
23 PUBLIC COMMENT SESSIONS OR ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY THROUGH
24 INTERVIEWS AND OTHER METHODS DETERMINED BY THE SOCIETY.

25 (e) BEGINNING THREE MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
26 SUBSECTION (3), THE SOCIETY SHALL PROVIDE THE STEERING COMMITTEE
27 WITH REGULAR PERIODIC UPDATES ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE STUDY. THE

1 SOCIETY SHALL CONSIDER THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S FEEDBACK ON THE
2 UPDATES.

3 (f) NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
4 THIS SUBSECTION (3), THE SOCIETY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
5 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR ABOUT THE STUDY. THE SOCIETY
6 SHALL DELIVER THE REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING
7 COMMITTEE, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE COLORADO
8 COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE COLORADO ATTORNEY
9 GENERAL, AND THE HEALTH EQUITY COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION
10 25-4-2206, AND MAKE THE REPORT AVAILABLE ON A PUBLICLY
11 ACCESSIBLE WEBPAGE OF THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE. THE REPORT MUST
12 INCLUDE:

13 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE STUDY'S GOALS AND METHODOLOGIES;

14 (II) THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY'S RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC
15 ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS SECTION;

16 (III) RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE
17 CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS ANY PAST HARM POTENTIALLY CAUSED BY
18 GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES, SYSTEMS, AND PRACTICES THAT ARE
19 DISCOVERED THROUGH THE STUDY;

20 (IV) RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW OUTCOMES OF THE
21 RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC ASSESSMENTS OF PAST HARM POTENTIALLY
22 CAUSED TO BLACK COLORADANS BY GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES, SYSTEMS,
23 AND PRACTICES CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO THE STATE HISTORY
24 STANDARDS FOR K-12 STUDENTS;

25 (V) RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW TO INCREASE PUBLIC
26 AWARENESS ABOUT RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC ASSESSMENTS OF PAST
27 HARM POTENTIALLY CAUSED TO HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BLACK

1 COLORADANS BY GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES, SYSTEMS, AND PRACTICES;
2 AND

3 (VI) THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STEERING
4 COMMITTEE SUBMITTED TO THE SOCIETY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(d)
5 OF THIS SECTION.

6 (g) THE SOCIETY SHALL PRESENT THE REPORT DESCRIBED IN
7 SUBSECTION (3)(f) OF THIS SECTION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 STATE, CIVIC, MILITARY, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE
9 SENATE STATE, VETERANS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, OR THEIR
10 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, DURING THE NEXT REGULAR LEGISLATIVE
11 SESSION THAT BEGINS AFTER THE REPORT IS SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR.

13 (4) (a) THERE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE SOCIETY THE BLACK
14 COLORADAN RACIAL EQUITY STEERING COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE INPUT TO
15 THE SOCIETY ABOUT THE STUDY, INCLUDING GUIDING THE RESEARCH,
16 ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON ANY OF THE
17 STUDY'S FINDINGS RELATED TO THE EFFECTS THAT THE LEGACY OF
18 SLAVERY, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND SYSTEMIC RACISM MAY HAVE
19 HAD, AND MAY CONTINUE TO HAVE, ON BLACK COLORADANS.

20 (b) THE STEERING COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING
21 MEMBERS:

22 (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
23 DESIGNEE;

24 (II) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

25 (A) ONE PERSON WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN QUANTIFYING THE
26 ECONOMIC IMPACTS ON HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BLACK COLORADANS;

27 (B) ONE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE WITH A TRACK RECORD OF

1 PUBLIC SERVICE WITH HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BLACK COLORADANS;
2 AND

3 (C) ONE PERSON WHO HAS LEGAL EXPERTISE IN CONSTITUTIONAL
4 LAW AND RACIAL JUSTICE;

5 (III) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF
6 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

7 (A) ONE PERSON WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN QUANTIFYING THE
8 ECONOMIC IMPACTS ON HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BLACK COLORADANS;

9 (B) ONE PERSON WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN RESEARCHING THE
10 HISTORY AND IMPACT OF SLAVERY AND SYSTEMIC RACISM ON BLACK
11 COLORADANS;

12 (C) ONE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE WITH A TRACK RECORD OF
13 PUBLIC SERVICE WITH HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BLACK COLORADANS;

14 AND

15 (D) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND

16 (IV) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
17 THE SENATE:

18 (A) ONE PERSON WHO HAS LEGAL EXPERTISE IN CONSTITUTIONAL
19 LAW AND RACIAL JUSTICE;

20 (B) ONE PERSON WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN RESEARCHING THE
21 HISTORY AND IMPACT OF SLAVERY ON BLACK COLORADANS;

22 (C) ONE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE WITH A TRACK RECORD OF
23 PUBLIC SERVICE WITH HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BLACK COLORADANS;

24 AND

25 (D) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE.

26 (c) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS OF
27 THE STEERING COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE

1 DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), BUT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.
2 THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE DURATION OF THE STEERING
3 COMMITTEE'S EXISTENCE. IF A VACANCY ARISES ON THE STEERING
4 COMMITTEE, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT A REPLACEMENT
5 TO FILL THE VACANCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6 (d) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 2-2-326, EACH LEGISLATIVE
7 MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SERVES WITHOUT COMPENSATION
8 BUT IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND
9 NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MEMBER'S
10 DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

11 (II) NONLEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
12 SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT
13 FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF
14 THE MEMBERS' DUTIES.

15 (5) (a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL CONVENE THE FIRST
16 MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN FORTY-TWO DAYS
17 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (5). AT ITS FIRST
18 MEETING, THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND
19 VICE-CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

20 (b) MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MAY PARTICIPATE
21 REMOTELY IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

22 (c) THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL:

23 (I) COMMENT ON AND PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR THE STUDY'S SCOPE
24 OF RESEARCH IN THE SUBJECT AREAS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(c)(I)
25 OF THIS SECTION;

26 (II) IF THE SOCIETY CONTRACTS WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY TO
27 CONDUCT ALL OR PART OF THE STUDY, ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF

1 A RUBRIC FOR SELECTING THE THIRD-PARTY ENTITY AND ASSIST WITH THE
2 INTERVIEWS AND FINAL SELECTION OF THE THIRD-PARTY ENTITY;

3 (III) DETERMINE AND ADVISE THE SOCIETY ABOUT THE TIME AND
4 LOCATION FOR EACH PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
5 (3)(d) OF THIS SECTION TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE
6 SESSION, CONSULT WITH THE SOCIETY ABOUT WHETHER TO HOLD
7 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT SESSIONS, AND HELP THE SOCIETY
8 CONDUCT THE PUBLIC COMMENT SESSIONS; AND

9 (IV) PROVIDE FEEDBACK THAT IS BASED ON THE RESEARCH
10 CONDUCTED AS PART OF THE STUDY TO THE SOCIETY FOLLOWING THE
11 RECEIPT OF UPDATES ABOUT THE STUDY AND REVIEW DRAFT STUDY
12 REPORTS.

13 (d) THE STEERING COMMITTEE MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS AND
14 RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON THE RESEARCH CONDUCTED AS PART OF
15 THE STUDY TO THE SOCIETY FOR INCLUSION IN THE SOCIETY'S REPORT
16 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(f) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (e) AFTER THE SOCIETY SUBMITS THE REPORT TO THE GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(f) OF THIS
19 SECTION, THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL WORK WITH ANY PARTIES
20 NECESSARY, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO
21 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT.

22 (6) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE MONEY, THE SOCIETY SHALL PROVIDE
23 OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, AND STAFF SERVICES AS NECESSARY TO
24 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. THE SOCIETY MAY CONTRACT WITH A
25 THIRD-PARTY ENTITY TO FACILITATE THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S WORK.

26 (7) THE SOCIETY MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
27 OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF

1 THIS SECTION. THE SOCIETY MAY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF IN-KIND SERVICES
2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING FOR TECHNICAL
3 ASSISTANCE.

4 (8) SUBSECTIONS (2), (3), (5), AND (6) OF THIS SECTION WILL TAKE
5 EFFECT IF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES ONE HUNDRED
6 THOUSAND DOLLARS OF GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES
7 OF THIS SECTION. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIETY SHALL
8 NOTIFY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE
9 CONDITION SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (8) HAS OCCURRED BY
10 E-MAILING THE NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV.
11 SUBSECTIONS (2), (3), (5), AND (6) OF THIS SECTION TAKE EFFECT UPON
12 THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE THAT THE SOCIETY HAS RECEIVED
13 ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR
14 THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION OR, IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT
15 DATE, UPON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.

16 (9) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2025; EXCEPT
17 THAT, IF THE REVISOR OF STATUTES RECEIVES NOTICE PURSUANT TO
18 SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION, THEN THIS SECTION IS REPEALED,
19 EFFECTIVE THREE YEARS AFTER SUBSECTIONS (2), (3), (5), AND (6) OF THIS
20 SECTION TAKE EFFECT.

21 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
24 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
25 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
26 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.