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Revised Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic:	CONTINUE COLORADO VETERANS' SERVICE-TO-CAREER PROGRAM				
Summary of Fiscal Impact:	☐ State Revenue ☑ State Expenditure	☐ State Transfer ☐ TABOR Refund	☐ Local Government ☐ Statutory Public Entity		
	The bill continues the Colorado Veterans' Service-to-Career Program in the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment until September 1, 2025. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2024-25.				
Appropriation Summary:	For FY 2024-25, the bill requires an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment				
Fiscal Note Status:	This revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee.				

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 24-109

		Budget Year FY 2024-25	Out Year FY 2025-26
Revenue		-	_
Expenditures	General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000
	Centrally Appropriated	\$9,359	\$9,460
	Total Expenditures	\$509,359	\$509,460
	Total FTE	0.5 FTE	0.5 FTE
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$75,000	\$75,000

Summary of Legislation

The bill extends the repeal of the Veterans' Service-to-Career program (program) in the Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) from July 1, 2024 to September 1, 2027, and repeals the authority to appropriate money from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund for the program. Instead, the program will be supported using General Fund.

State Expenditures

The Veterans' Service-to-Career program has been funded annually at \$500,000 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund and has 0.5 FTE for an administrator. Assuming a continuation of funding at prior levels, state expenditures increase for staff administration and grants through FY 2026-27. Centrally appropriated costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are also estimated based on the continuation of current staff. Pursuant to Joint Budget Committee Policy, these costs are appropriated through the annual budget process, rather than in this bill.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 24-109

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment		
Personal Services	\$38,497	\$38,497
Operating Expenses	\$640	\$640
Grant Funds	\$460,863	\$455,222
Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹	\$9,359	\$9,460
FTE – Personal Services	0.5 FTE	0.5 FTE
Total Cost	\$509,359	\$503,819

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, and 0.5 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Labor Military Affairs

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the <u>General Assembly website</u>.