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HOUSE BILL 25-1244

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REQUIRING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT**
102 **ARE RECIPIENTS OF THE STATEWIDE WELCOME, RECEPTION, AND**
103 **INTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM TO PRIORITIZE MIGRANTS WHO**
104 **HAVE ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE PAST THREE**
105 **YEARS.**

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 statewide welcome, reception, and integration grant program provides grants to community-based organizations that provide culturally

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and linguistically appropriate navigation of services to migrants who have arrived in the United States within the past year and do not qualify for federal support services or refugee resettlement assistance benefits. The bill removes the requirement that a migrant must have arrived in the United States within the past year and instead requires community-based organizations to prioritize assisting migrants who have arrived in the United States within the past 3 years.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-3.7-201, **amend**
3 (1)(f) as follows:

4 **8-3.7-201. Definitions.** (1) As used in this part 2, unless the
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (f) "Migrant" means an individual who ~~has arrived in the United~~
7 ~~States within the past year and~~ does not qualify for federal support
8 services or refugee resettlement assistance benefits.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-3.7-202, **amend** (2)
10 introductory portion as follows:

11 **8-3.7-202. Statewide welcome, reception, and integration grant**
12 **program - created - rules.** (2) Grant recipients shall PRIORITIZE
13 MIGRANTS WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE PAST
14 THREE YEARS AND SHALL use the grant award for one or more of the
15 following services and programs, including, but not limited to:

16 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
19 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
20 institutions.