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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE TONY GRAMPSAS YOUTH SERVICES**
102 **PROGRAM.**

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 Tony Grampsas youth services grant program (grant program) provides grants to community-based programs to reduce incidents of youth crime and violence. The youth mentoring program, the student dropout prevention and intervention program, and the student before-and-after school project (collectively, the "programs") were created within the grant program. The bill repeals the individual programs

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and instead lists the programs as allowable uses for grant money under the grant program.

The bill transfers certain responsibilities from the Tony Grampsas youth services board (board) to the department of human services (state department). The bill repeals local public-to-private funding match requirements.

The bill requires each entity that receives a grant to annually report certain information to the state department; except that an entity that has an operating budget of less than \$1.5 million, or that receives a grant in the amount of not more than \$25,000, is not required to report on the outcomes achieved by the services provided and the methods used to track the outcomes.

The bill makes conforming amendments.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) (a) The general
3 assembly finds that:

4 (I) Mentoring programs have been active in Colorado for many
5 years, and national research has indicated that structured mentoring
6 programs are effective tools in combating youth substance use, youth
7 crime and violence, and other challenges faced by youth; and

8 (II) Research indicates that youth who are matched in
9 professionally supported mentoring relationships are less likely to become
10 involved in substance and alcohol use, less likely to be truant, less likely
11 to commit violent acts against other persons, and more likely to show
12 improvements in academic performance and positive peer relations.

13 (b) The general assembly further finds that:

14 (I) Research indicates that students who drop out of high school
15 are more likely to be unemployed than high school graduates or struggle
16 to find stable and fulfilling employment;

17 (II) High school dropouts are more likely to apply for and receive
18 public assistance than high school graduates; and

1 (III) Research indicates that working with families who have
2 young children in order to increase family strengths and enhance child
3 development through building protective factors reduces the likelihood
4 of child abuse and neglect.

5 (c) The general assembly further finds that despite the positive
6 results that can be achieved through youth mentoring programs, dropout
7 prevention and intervention programs, out-of-school time programs, and
8 child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs, counties
9 in the state of Colorado do not have the organizational resources
10 necessary to carry out successful programs or lack volunteers to establish
11 such programs, or both, and even in counties in which there are
12 established programs, such programs are unable to meet the demand.

13 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that youth mentoring
14 programs, dropout prevention and intervention programs, out-of-school
15 time programs, and child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention
16 programs would be beneficial and in the best interests of the citizens of
17 the state of Colorado.

18 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26-6.8-101
19 as follows:

20 **26-6.8-101. Definitions.** As used in this article 6.8, unless the
21 context otherwise requires:

22 (1) "Board" means the Tony Grampsas youth services board
23 created in section 26-6.8-103.

24 (2) "Entity" means a local government, a Colorado public or
25 not-for-profit school, a group of public or not-for-profit schools, a school
26 district or group of school districts, a board of cooperative services, an
27 institution of higher education, the Colorado National Guard, or a private

1 nonprofit or not-for-profit community-based organization.

2 (3) "Executive director" means the executive director of the state
3 department of human services.

4 (4) "GRANT PROGRAM" OR "PROGRAM" MEANS THE TONY
5 GRAMPSAS YOUTH SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION
6 26-6.8-102.

7 (5) "INTERMEDIARY AGENCY" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE AGENCY THAT
8 APPLIES FOR A GRANT TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT EVIDENCE-BASED
9 STRATEGIES OR PROGRAMS WITH SUBCONTRACTED AGENCIES AND:

10 (a) INTERACTS WITH LOCAL, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,
11 AS WELL AS WITH STATEWIDE OR NATIONWIDE ENTITIES, TO EFFECTIVELY
12 MONITOR A SPECIFIC EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGY OR PROGRAM;

13 (b) HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE A VARIETY OF SERVICES TO
14 LOCAL PROGRAMS THAT IMPLEMENT THE SAME SPECIFIC EVIDENCE-BASED
15 STRATEGY OR PROGRAM AS THE INTERMEDIARY AGENCY, INCLUDING THE
16 FOLLOWING SERVICES:

17 (I) COMMUNITY PREPARATION FOR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION;
18 (II) STAFF TRAINING ON THE EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGY OR
19 PROGRAM;

20 (III) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE;
21 (IV) PROGRAM MONITORING;
22 (V) LIAISON FOR ENTITIES THAT DEVELOP OR OVERSEE A SPECIFIC
23 EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGY OR PROGRAM;
24 (VI) EVALUATION COORDINATION; AND
25 (VII) FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION THROUGH SUBCONTRACTS;

26 (c) SERVES AS THE FISCAL AND COORDINATING AGENCY WITH THE
27 INTENT OF SUBCONTRACTING GRANT-RELATED SERVICES TO COMMUNITY

1 PARTNERS;

2 (d) ALLOCATES FIFTY PERCENT OR MORE OF THE AGENCY'S BUDGET

3 TO PARTNER AGENCIES;

4 (e) HAS AN APPLICATION PROCESS TO IDENTIFY PARTNER AGENCIES

5 EITHER PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE GRANT APPLICATION OR ONCE THE

6 AGENCY RECEIVES THE FUNDING NOTIFICATION; AND

7 (f) HAS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EACH PARTNER

8 AGENCY THAT IS A SUBCONTRACTED AGENCY.

9 (6) "MULTI AGENCY" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE AGENCY THAT APPLIES

10 FOR A GRANT IN COLLABORATION WITH A PARTNER AGENCY AND:

11 (a) HAS AN ESTABLISHED COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN

12 TWO OR MORE AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING

13 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES;

14 (b) HAS ONE LEAD AGENCY THAT ENTERS INTO SUBCONTRACTS

15 WITH OTHER PARTNER AGENCIES AND:

16 (I) SERVES AS THE LIAISON TO THE GRANT PROGRAM AS THE

17 PRIMARY CONTACT AND COORDINATES AND SUBMITS ALL REQUIRED

18 GRANT PROGRAM REPORTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-6.8-102 (6) ON

19 BEHALF OF THE PARTNER AGENCIES;

20 (II) MANAGES AND COORDINATES ALL GRANT PROGRAM

21 PROCEDURES FOR THE PARTNER AGENCIES;

22 (III) CONDUCTS PROGRAM MONITORING WITH PARTNER AGENCIES

23 TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH THE GRANT PROGRAM;

24 (IV) COORDINATES GRANT PROGRAM-RELATED EVALUATION

25 PROCESSES WITH THE PARTNER AGENCIES; AND

26 (V) ALLOCATES FIFTY PERCENT OR MORE OF THE LEAD AGENCY'S

27 BUDGET TO THE PARTNER AGENCIES; AND

1 (c) HAS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EACH
2 PARTNER AGENCY PARTICIPATING IN THE COLLABORATIVE.

3 (7) "SINGLE AGENCY" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE AGENCY THAT APPLIES
4 FOR A GRANT INDEPENDENTLY DESPITE ANY PROGRAMMATIC
5 COLLABORATION THAT MAY EXIST WITH OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS.

6 ~~(4)~~ (8) "State department" means the state department of human
7 services.

8 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend with**
9 **relocated provisions** 26-6.8-102 as follows:

10 **26-6.8-102. Tony Grampsas youth services grant program -**
11 **creation - guidelines and criteria - cash fund - rules - repeal.**

12 ~~(1) (a) The Tony Grampsas youth services program is transferred to the~~
13 ~~state department. All program grants in existence as of July 1, 2013, shall~~
14 ~~continue to be valid through June 30, 2014. Persons appointed to the~~
15 ~~board shall continue serving until completion of their terms and may be~~
16 ~~reappointed as provided in section 26-6.8-103.~~

17 ~~(b)~~ The Tony Grampsas youth services GRANT program is
18 ~~established~~ CREATED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT to provide ~~state funding~~
19 ~~for~~ GRANTS TO ENTITIES FOR DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING
20 PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION ~~community-based programs~~ TO REDUCE
21 INCIDENTS OF YOUTH CRIME AND VIOLENCE. GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE
22 THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM TO ENHANCE
23 EXISTING PROGRAMS OR DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS,
24 INCLUDING:

25 (a) PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS INTENDED TO
26 ~~(1) To provide prevention and intervention services in an effort to~~
27 reduce incidents of youth crime and violence AND

1 ~~(H) To provide prevention and intervention services in an effort~~
2 ~~to reduce the occurrence and reoccurrence of child abuse and neglect and~~
3 ~~to reduce the need for state intervention in child abuse and neglect~~
4 ~~prevention and education;~~

5 ~~(HH) For the prevention and intervention of PREVENT youth~~
6 ~~alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drug use; and~~

7 ~~(IV) For the prevention and intervention of student drop out.~~

8 (b) YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMS THAT STRIVE TO REDUCE
9 YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE, DECREASE INCIDENTS OF YOUTH CRIME AND
10 VIOLENCE, AND INCREASE PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR YOUTH WHO ARE FIVE
11 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND
12 WHO ARE EXPERIENCING POVERTY, EXPOSURE TO SUBSTANCE USE, FAMILY
13 CONFLICT, ASSOCIATION WITH PEERS WHO ARE JUSTICE-INVOLVED,
14 DISCIPLINARY ISSUES, OR CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT. YOUTH MENTORING
15 PROGRAMS MUST ENSURE MENTORING IS THE PRIMARY SERVICE PROVIDED
16 BY THE PROGRAM AND MAKE INTENTIONAL MATCHES OR FORMAL
17 CONNECTIONS BETWEEN YOUTH AND MENTORS.

18 (c) STUDENT DROPOUT PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
19 PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A
20 PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL WHO ARE AT RISK OF DROPPING OUT OF
21 SCHOOL. STUDENT DROPOUT PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS
22 MUST UTILIZE AN APPROPRIATE COMBINATION OF ACADEMIC AND
23 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE OVERALL
24 EDUCATION OF STUDENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

25 (d) OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS THAT MAY INCLUDE AN
26 ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OR OTHER DRUG USE INTERVENTION, PREVENTION,
27 AN EDUCATION COMPONENT AND PRIMARILY SERVE YOUTH ENROLLED IN

1 GRADES SIX THROUGH EIGHT OR YOUTH WHO ARE TWELVE TO FOURTEEN
2 YEARS OF AGE. OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS MUST BE DESIGNED TO
3 HELP YOUTH DEVELOP THEIR INTERESTS AND SKILLS IN THE AREAS OF
4 SPORTS AND FITNESS, CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP, OR ARTS AND
5 CULTURE AND MAY PROVIDE EDUCATION REGARDING THE DANGERS OF THE
6 USE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUGS. GRANT MONEY MUST NOT
7 BE USED FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS THAT ARE DESIGNED
8 PRIMARILY TO INCREASE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OR THAT PROVIDE
9 RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

10 (e) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
11 STRATEGIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO CHILDREN WHO ARE AGES ZERO
12 TO EIGHT YEARS OF AGE AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH THE GOAL OF
13 INCREASING FAMILY STRENGTHS, ENHANCING CHILD DEVELOPMENT, AND
14 REDUCING THE LIKELIHOOD OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. CHILD ABUSE
15 AND NEGLECT PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES MUST BE
16 BASED ON ENGAGING FAMILIES, PROGRAMS, AND COMMUNITIES IN
17 ENHANCING PROTECTIVE FACTORS.

18 (2) (a) ~~The board shall choose those entities that will receive~~
19 ~~grants through the Tony Grampsas youth services program and the~~
20 ~~amount of each grant.~~ The state department shall administer the grants
21 awarded and GRANT PROGRAM, monitor the effectiveness of programs that
22 receive grants, ~~through the Tony Grampsas youth services program~~ AND,
23 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, AWARD GRANTS AS PROVIDED
24 IN THIS SECTION.

25 (b) ~~Repealed.~~

26 (c) (b) ~~Any grant awarded through the Tony Grampsas youth~~
27 ~~services program shall be paid from moneys appropriated pursuant to~~

1 ~~paragraph (d) of this subsection (2)~~ GRANT AWARDS MUST BE PAID OUT OF
2 THE YOUTH SERVICE PROGRAM FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS
3 SECTION or out of the general fund. ~~for the program.~~ The ~~board~~ STATE
4 DEPARTMENT, in accordance with the timelines adopted pursuant to
5 ~~section 26-6.8-103 (3)~~ SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, shall submit a list
6 of the entities chosen to receive grants to the ~~governor~~ BOARD for
7 approval. The ~~governor~~ BOARD shall either approve or disapprove the
8 entire list of entities by responding to the ~~board~~ STATE DEPARTMENT
9 within twenty days. If the ~~governor~~ BOARD does not respond to the ~~board~~
10 STATE DEPARTMENT within twenty days after receipt of the list, the list is
11 approved. The ~~board~~ STATE DEPARTMENT shall not award a grant ~~through~~
12 ~~the Tony Grampsas youth services program~~ without the prior approval of
13 the ~~governor~~ BOARD.

14 ~~(d) (I) The youth services program fund is created in the state~~
15 ~~treasury. The principal of the fund consists of tobacco litigation~~
16 ~~settlement money transferred by the state treasurer to the fund pursuant~~
17 ~~to section 24-75-1104.5 (1.7)(e). Subject to annual appropriation by the~~
18 ~~general assembly, the state department may expend money from the fund~~
19 ~~for the Tony Grampsas youth services program, including the~~
20 ~~compensation of youth members of the Tony Grampsas youth services~~
21 ~~board, as described in section 26-6.8-103 (1)(c)(II). All unexpended and~~
22 ~~unencumbered money appropriated to the fund at the end of a fiscal year~~
23 ~~remains available for expenditure by the state department for the Tony~~
24 ~~Grampsas youth services program in the following fiscal year without~~
25 ~~further appropriation and must not be transferred or revert to the general~~
26 ~~fund at the end of a fiscal year.~~

27 ~~(II) In addition to the moneys appropriated to the youth services~~

1 program fund pursuant to subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (d), the fund
2 also consists of any moneys appropriated to the fund from the marijuana
3 tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501, C.R.S. Any moneys in the
4 fund attributable to the marijuana tax cash fund shall be used for
5 community-based programs for the prevention and intervention of
6 marijuana use. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (I) of this
7 paragraph (d), any unexpended and unencumbered moneys in the fund at
8 the end of a fiscal year that are attributable to the marijuana tax cash fund
9 shall remain in the fund and shall not be transferred to the tobacco
10 litigation settlement cash fund or any other fund.

11 (HH) ~~If an entity seeks a grant from the board for a program~~
12 ~~directed at providing alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drug use~~
13 ~~prevention and intervention services to youth, one of the criteria the board~~
14 ~~must consider is whether the program utilizes evidence-based practices~~
15 ~~in the delivery of services.~~

16 (3) ~~To participate in the Tony Grampsas youth services program,~~
17 ~~an entity may apply to the board in accordance with timelines and~~
18 ~~guidelines adopted by the board pursuant to section 26-6.8-103.~~

19 (4) ~~Entities seeking to provide youth mentoring services or to~~
20 ~~enhance existing youth mentoring programs are encouraged to submit an~~
21 ~~application to the board for grants directly from the Tony Grampsas youth~~
22 ~~services program, in addition to any funding the entities may be seeking~~
23 ~~from the youth mentoring services cash fund pursuant to section~~
24 ~~26-6.8-104 (6), to establish or enhance youth mentoring programs.~~
25 ~~Entities submitting applications for grants directly from the Tony~~
26 ~~Grampsas youth services program pursuant to this section need not meet~~
27 ~~the requirements of section 26-6.8-104 (5)(b).~~

1 (3) (a) **[Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(a)]** The STATE DEPARTMENT, IN
2 COLLABORATION WITH THE board, shall develop and make available
3 program guidelines, including, but not limited to:

4 (I) Guidelines for proposal design FOR SINGLE AGENCY
5 APPLICANTS, MULTI-AGENCY APPLICANTS, AND INTERMEDIARY AGENCY
6 APPLICANTS; AND

7 ~~(H) Local public-to-private funding match requirements; and~~

8 ~~(HH)~~ (II) Processes for local review and prioritization of GRANT
9 program applications.

10 (b) **[Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(b) introductory portion]** In
11 addition to the guidelines developed pursuant to ~~subsection (2)(a)~~
12 SUBSECTION (3)(a) of this section, the STATE DEPARTMENT, IN
13 COLLABORATION WITH THE board, shall develop criteria for awarding
14 grants, ~~under the Tony Grampas youth services program~~, including, but
15 not limited to, the following requirements:

16 (I) **[Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(b)(I)]** That the program is operated
17 in cooperation with a local government, a local governmental agency, or
18 a local nonprofit or not-for-profit agency;

19 (II) **[Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(b)(II)]** That the program is
20 community-based, receiving input from organizations in the community
21 such as schools, community mental health centers, local nonprofit or
22 not-for-profit agencies, local law enforcement agencies, businesses, and
23 individuals within the community;

24 (III) THAT THE PROGRAM UTILIZES EVIDENCE-BASED OR
25 EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICES IN THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES;

26 (IV) **[Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(b)(II.5)]** That the grant application
27 process identifies and prioritizes funding programs that meet a need in the

1 community, including, but not limited to, the presence of risk factors in
2 a grant applicant's intended populations; and

3 (V) [Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(b)(III)(A)] That the program is
4 directed at providing prevention and intervention services to children,
5 youth, and their families in an effort to decrease incidents of youth crime
6 and violence; ~~prevent~~ PREVENTING child abuse and neglect; ~~or decrease~~
7 DECREASING youth alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drug use; ~~or~~
8 ~~that the program is directed at providing services to students and their~~
9 ~~families in an effort to reduce the dropout rate in secondary schools;~~
10 ~~pursuant to section 26-6.8-105;~~ OR PROVIDING YOUTH MENTORING;

11 (VI) [Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(b)(III)(B)] If an entity is seeking
12 a grant ~~from the board~~ for a student dropout prevention and intervention
13 program, ~~pursuant to section 26-6.8-105, one of the criteria that the board~~
14 ~~shall consider~~ is whether the program has been implemented elsewhere,
15 if known, and, if so, the relative success of the program. It is not required,
16 however, that the program be previously implemented for the ~~board~~
17 STATE DEPARTMENT to award a grant to the entity.

18 (VII) [Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(b)(III)(C)] If an entity is seeking
19 a grant ~~from the board~~ for a program directed at providing prevention and
20 intervention services to youth and their families in an effort to decrease
21 incidents of youth crime and violence, ~~one of the criteria that the board~~
22 ~~shall consider~~ is whether the program includes restorative justice
23 components. It is not required, however, that the program include
24 restorative justice components for the ~~board~~ STATE DEPARTMENT to award
25 a grant to the entity.

26 (c) AN ENTITY IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR
27 OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE OUT-OF-

1 SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM TO WHICH THE GRANT WOULD APPLY SERVES
2 YOUTH WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-COST LUNCH PURSUANT
3 TO THE "RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42 U.S.C.
4 SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.

5 (4) [Formerly 26-6.8-103 (3)] In addition to the guidelines and
6 criteria developed pursuant to ~~subsection (2)~~ SUBSECTION (3) of this
7 section, the ~~board~~ STATE DEPARTMENT shall establish timelines for
8 ~~submission and review of~~ SUBMITTING AND REVIEWING GRANT
9 applications for grants through the Tony Grampsas youth services
10 program. The board shall also adopt AND timelines for submission to the
11 ~~governor of~~ SUBMITTING the list of entities chosen to receive grants TO
12 THE BOARD. If the ~~governor~~ BOARD disapproves the list, the ~~board~~ STATE
13 DEPARTMENT may submit a replacement list within thirty days after ~~such~~
14 THE disapproval.

15 (5) [Formerly 26-6.8-103 (4)] The ~~board~~ STATE DEPARTMENT
16 shall review all applications received pursuant to THIS section ~~26-6.8-102~~
17 for grants from the Tony Grampsas youth services program and choose
18 those entities that shall receive grants through the Tony Grampsas youth
19 services program AND SELECT THE GRANT RECIPIENTS and the amount of
20 each grant.

21 (6) (a) [Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(c)] In addition to the guidelines
22 and criteria developed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this
23 subsection (2), the board shall develop result-oriented criteria for
24 measuring the effectiveness of programs that receive grants under the
25 Tony Grampsas youth services program as deemed appropriate to the
26 nature of each program including, but not limited to, requiring grantees
27 to evaluate the impact of the services provided by the program. EXCEPT

1 AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6)(b) OF THIS SECTION, EACH ENTITY THAT
2 RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT THE FOLLOWING
3 INFORMATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT:

4 (I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED;

5 (II) THE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL
6 SERVED;

7 (III) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED AND HOW THE
8 SERVICES MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES:

9 (A) PROVIDING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION SERVICES TO
10 CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES IN AN EFFORT TO DECREASE
11 INCIDENTS OF YOUTH CRIME AND VIOLENCE;

12 (B) PROVIDING YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMS;

13 (C) PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT;

14 (D) DECREASING YOUTH ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, MARIJUANA, AND
15 OTHER DRUG USE; OR

16 (E) PROVIDING SERVICES TO STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN AN
17 EFFORT TO REDUCE THE DROPOUT RATE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS; AND

18 (IV) ~~Any criteria developed pursuant to this paragraph (c) for~~
19 ~~measuring the effectiveness~~ THE OUTCOMES ACHIEVED BY THE SERVICES
20 PROVIDED AND THE METHODS USED TO TRACK THE OUTCOMES.
21 MEASURING THE OUTCOME of student dropout prevention and intervention
22 programs ~~established pursuant to section 26-6.8-105 shall~~ MUST include
23 the implementation of a method by which to track the students served by
24 the program to evaluate the impact of the services provided, which
25 tracking ~~shall~~ MUST continue, if possible, for at least two years or through
26 graduation from a secondary school, whichever occurs first.

27 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO

1 THE CONTRARY, EACH ENTITY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT AND HAS AN
2 OPERATING BUDGET OF LESS THAN ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND
3 DOLLARS, OR THAT RECEIVES A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT MORE THAN
4 TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT THE
5 INFORMATION REQUIRED IN SUBSECTIONS (6)(a)(I) TO (6)(a)(III) OF THIS
6 SECTION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

7 (c) IF AN ENTITY UTILIZES A SEPARATE PROCESS FOR EVALUATING
8 AND REPORTING ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED, THE ENTITY MAY SUBMIT
9 THAT REPORT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (6).

10 (7) (a) **[Formerly 26-6.8-102 (2)(d)(I)]** The youth services
11 program fund is created in the state treasury. The principal of the fund
12 consists of tobacco litigation settlement money transferred by the state
13 treasurer to the fund pursuant to section 24-75-1104.5 (1.7)(e). Subject to
14 annual appropriation by the general assembly, the state department may
15 expend money from the fund for the Tony Grampsas youth services
16 GRANT program, including the compensation of youth COMMUNITY
17 members of the Tony Grampsas youth services board. ~~as described in~~
18 ~~section 26-6.8-103 (1)(c)(H)~~. All unexpended and unencumbered money
19 appropriated to the fund at the end of a fiscal year remains available for
20 expenditure by the state department for the Tony Grampsas youth services
21 GRANT program in the following fiscal year without further appropriation
22 and must not be transferred or revert to the general fund at the end of a
23 fiscal year.

24 (b) **[Formerly 26-6.8-102 (2)(d)(II)]** In addition to the ~~moneys~~
25 MONEY appropriated to the youth services program fund pursuant to
26 ~~subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (d)~~ SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS
27 SECTION, the fund also consists of any ~~moneys~~ MONEY appropriated to the

1 fund from the marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501.
2 ~~C.R.S. Any moneys~~ ANY MONEY in the fund attributable to the marijuana
3 tax cash fund ~~shall~~ MUST be used for community-based programs for the
4 prevention and intervention of marijuana use. Notwithstanding ~~the~~
5 ~~provisions of subparagraph (f) of this paragraph (d)~~ SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF
6 THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, any unexpended and unencumbered
7 ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund at the end of a fiscal year that ~~are~~ IS
8 attributable to the marijuana tax cash fund ~~shall~~ MUST remain in the fund
9 and ~~shall~~ MUST not be transferred to the tobacco litigation settlement cash
10 fund or any other fund.

11 (c) (I) NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2025, THE STATE TREASURER
12 SHALL TRANSFER ANY REMAINING BALANCE IN THE YOUTH MENTORING
13 SERVICES CASH FUND, THE STUDENT DROPOUT PREVENTION AND
14 INTERVENTION FUND, AND THE COLORADO STUDENT BEFORE-AND-AFTER
15 SCHOOL PROJECT FUND, AS THE FUNDS EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2025, TO
16 THE YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM FUND.

17 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (7)(c) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

18 (8) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT AN ENTITY THAT RECEIVES
19 A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 6.8 FROM APPLYING FOR A GRANT
20 ADMINISTERED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE PURSUANT TO
21 SECTION 24-31-108.

22 (9) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT ANY RULES NECESSARY
23 TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM.

24 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26-6.8-103
25 as follows:

26 **26-6.8-103. Tony Grampsas youth services board - members**
27 **- duties.** (1) ~~(a)~~ There is created the Tony Grampsas youth services

1 board, which is a **type 2** entity, as defined in section 24-1-105. The board
2 consists of the following members:

3 ~~(I)~~ (a) Four adult COMMUNITY members appointed by the
4 governor;

5 ~~(II)~~ (b) Two youth COMMUNITY members appointed by the
6 governor;

7 ~~(III)~~ (c) Three adult COMMUNITY members appointed by the
8 speaker of the house of representatives;

9 ~~(IV)~~ (d) Two adult COMMUNITY members appointed by the
10 president of the senate; and

11 ~~(V)~~ (e) One adult COMMUNITY member appointed by the minority
12 leader of the senate.

13 ~~(b)~~ (2) No more than seven of the members appointed to the board
14 may be affiliated with the same political party.

15 ~~(c)~~ (3) In addition to the appointed board members, the executive
16 director or the executive director's designee shall serve as IS a member of
17 the board.

18 ~~(d)~~ ~~(I)~~ (4) (a) In appointing adult COMMUNITY members to the
19 board, the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
20 president and the minority leader of the senate shall:

21 ~~(A)~~ (I) Choose ~~persons~~ COMMUNITY MEMBERS who have a
22 knowledge and awareness of innovative strategies for youth crime and
23 violence prevention and intervention services and for reducing the
24 occurrence and reoccurrence of child abuse and neglect; and

25 ~~(B)~~ (II) Appoint one or more ~~persons~~ COMMUNITY MEMBERS who
26 possess knowledge and awareness of early childhood care and education
27 As used in this subsection ~~(1)(d)(I)(B)~~, "early childhood" means younger

1 ~~than nine years of age~~ FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE YOUNGER THAN NINE
2 YEARS OF AGE.

3 ~~(H)~~ (b) In appointing members to the board, the speaker of the
4 house of representatives and the president of the senate shall each appoint
5 at least one ~~person~~ COMMUNITY MEMBER who has a knowledge and
6 awareness of student issues, including the causes of student dropout in
7 secondary schools, as well as innovative strategies for reducing the
8 dropout rate among secondary school students.

9 ~~(HH)~~ (c) In appointing COMMUNITY members to the board, the
10 governor shall:

11 ~~(A)~~ (I) Appoint at least one ~~person~~ COMMUNITY MEMBER who is
12 representative of a minority community;

13 ~~(B)~~ (II) Appoint at least one ~~person~~ COMMUNITY MEMBER who is
14 knowledgeable in the area of child abuse and neglect prevention and
15 intervention; and

16 ~~(C)~~ (III) Appoint at least one ~~person~~ COMMUNITY MEMBER who is
17 knowledgeable in the area of youth crime and violence prevention and
18 intervention.

19 ~~(IV)~~ (d) In appointing youth COMMUNITY members to the board,
20 the governor shall appoint members who are fifteen years of age or older
21 but under twenty-six years of age. A youth board member who reaches
22 twenty-six years of age during the youth board member's term may remain
23 on the board for the remainder of the term.

24 ~~(e)~~ (5) The board shall choose a chair and vice-chair from among
25 its members.

26 ~~(f)~~ (6) (a) The appointed members of the board shall serve
27 three-year terms; except that the terms of appointed members shall be

1 staggered so that no more than a minimum majority of the appointed
2 members' terms expire in the same year. If a vacancy arises in one of the
3 appointed offices, the authority making the original appointment shall fill
4 the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

5 ~~(H)~~ (b) Adult and youth BOARD members ~~of the board~~ may be
6 reimbursed out of available appropriations for actual and necessary
7 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

8 ~~(g)~~ (7) The board is authorized to meet REMOTELY, when
9 necessary. ~~via telecommunications.~~

10 ~~(2) (a) The board shall develop and make available program~~
11 ~~guidelines, including but not limited to:~~

12 ~~(I) Guidelines for proposal design;~~

13 ~~(II) Local public-to-private funding match requirements; and~~

14 ~~(III) Processes for local review and prioritization of program~~
15 ~~applications.~~

16 ~~(b) In addition to the guidelines developed pursuant to subsection~~
17 ~~(2)(a) of this section, the board shall develop criteria for awarding grants~~
18 ~~under the Tony Grampsas youth services program, including but not~~
19 ~~limited to the following requirements:~~

20 ~~(I) That the program is operated in cooperation with a local~~
21 ~~government, a local governmental agency, or a local nonprofit or~~
22 ~~not-for-profit agency;~~

23 ~~(II) That the program is community-based, receiving input from~~
24 ~~organizations in the community such as schools, community mental~~
25 ~~health centers, local nonprofit or not-for-profit agencies, local law~~
26 ~~enforcement agencies, businesses, and individuals within the community;~~

27 ~~(H.5) That the grant application process identifies and prioritizes~~

1 funding programs that meet a need in the community, including, but not
2 limited to, the presence of risk factors in a grant applicant's intended
3 populations; and

4 (H)(A) That the program is directed at providing prevention and
5 intervention services to children, youth, and their families in an effort to
6 decrease incidents of youth crime and violence; prevent child abuse and
7 neglect; or decrease youth alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drug
8 use, or that the program is directed at providing services to students and
9 their families in an effort to reduce the dropout rate in secondary schools
10 pursuant to section 26-6.8-105.

11 (B) If an entity is seeking a grant from the board for a student
12 dropout prevention and intervention program pursuant to section
13 26-6.8-105, one of the criteria that the board shall consider is whether the
14 program has been implemented elsewhere, if known, and, if so, the
15 relative success of the program. It is not required, however, that the
16 program be previously implemented for the board to award a grant to the
17 entity.

18 (C) If an entity is seeking a grant from the board for a program
19 directed at providing prevention and intervention services to youth and
20 their families in an effort to decrease incidents of youth crime and
21 violence, one of the criteria that the board shall consider is whether the
22 program includes restorative justice components. It is not required,
23 however, that the program include restorative justice components for the
24 board to award a grant to the entity.

25 (c) In addition to the guidelines and criteria developed pursuant
26 to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (2), the board shall develop
27 result-oriented criteria for measuring the effectiveness of programs that

1 receive grants under the Tony Grampsas youth services program as
2 deemed appropriate to the nature of each program including, but not
3 limited to, requiring grantees to evaluate the impact of the services
4 provided by the program. Any criteria developed pursuant to this
5 paragraph (c) for measuring the effectiveness of student dropout
6 prevention and intervention programs established pursuant to section
7 26-6.8-105 shall include the implementation of a method by which to
8 track the students served by the program to evaluate the impact of the
9 services provided, which tracking shall continue, if possible, for at least
10 two years or through graduation from a secondary school, whichever
11 occurs first.

12 (3) In addition to the guidelines and criteria developed pursuant
13 to subsection (2) of this section, the board shall establish timelines for
14 submission and review of applications for grants through the Tony
15 Grampsas youth services program. The board shall also adopt timelines
16 for submission to the governor of the list of entities chosen to receive
17 grants. If the governor disapproves the list, the board may submit a
18 replacement list within thirty days after such disapproval.

19 (4) The board shall review all applications received pursuant to
20 section 26-6.8-102 for grants from the Tony Grampsas youth services
21 program and choose those entities that shall receive grants through the
22 Tony Grampsas youth services program and the amount of each grant.

23 (5) In addition to the duties relating specifically to the Tony
24 Grampsas youth services program specified in this section, the board shall
25 operate the prevention and intervention programs specified in this article
26 6.8 and such other prevention and intervention programs as may be
27 assigned to the board by executive order to be funded by federal money;

1 ~~state money, or both. All unexpended and unencumbered money~~
2 ~~appropriated to the fund at the end of a fiscal year remains available for~~
3 ~~expenditure by the state department for the Tony Grampsas youth services~~
4 ~~program in the following fiscal year without further appropriation and~~
5 ~~must not be transferred or revert to the general fund at the end of a fiscal~~
6 ~~year.~~

7 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 26-6.8-104 as
8 follows:

9 **26-6.8-104. Colorado youth mentoring services. (1) Short title.**
10 This section shall be known and may be cited as the "~~Colorado Youth~~
11 ~~Mentoring Services Act~~".

12 **(2) Legislative declaration.** ~~(a) The general assembly finds and~~
13 ~~declares that mentoring programs have been active in Colorado for many~~
14 ~~years. The general assembly finds that national research has indicated that~~
15 ~~structured mentoring programs are effective tools in combating youth~~
16 ~~substance use, youth crime and violence, and other challenges faced by~~
17 ~~youth. The general assembly further finds, based upon recent national~~
18 ~~research results, that youth who are matched in professionally supported~~
19 ~~mentoring relationships are less likely to become involved in substance~~
20 ~~and alcohol use, less likely to be truant, less likely to commit violent acts~~
21 ~~against other persons, and more likely to show improvements in academic~~
22 ~~performance and positive peer relations.~~

23 ~~(b) The general assembly further finds that, despite the positive~~
24 ~~results that may be achieved through structured youth mentoring~~
25 ~~programs, counties in the state of Colorado do not have the organizational~~
26 ~~resources necessary to carry out successful mentoring programs or lack~~
27 ~~volunteers to establish such programs, or both. The general assembly~~

1 finds that even counties in which there are established youth mentoring
2 programs, such programs are unable to meet the demand for mentors:

3 ~~(c) The general assembly therefore declares and determines that~~
4 ~~the provision of youth mentoring services that would use public and~~
5 ~~private entities to recruit, train, screen, and supervise volunteers to serve~~
6 ~~as mentors for youth would be beneficial and in the best interests of the~~
7 ~~citizens of the state of Colorado.~~

8 ~~(3) **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "youth" means a~~
9 ~~person who is five years of age or older but under twenty-five years of~~
10 ~~age and who is challenged by such risk factors as poverty, residence in a~~
11 ~~substance-abusing household, family conflict, association with peers who~~
12 ~~commit crimes, residence in a single-parent household, exhibition of~~
13 ~~indicia of delinquent behavior, or being the victim of child abuse.~~

14 ~~(4) **Provision of youth mentoring services.** There is created the~~
15 ~~Colorado youth mentoring program to provide state funding for the~~
16 ~~provision of evidence-informed youth mentoring services in an effort to~~
17 ~~reduce youth substance use, decrease the incidents of youth crime and~~
18 ~~violence, and increase protective factors for youth. The funding must be~~
19 ~~used to provide evidence-informed youth mentoring services in~~
20 ~~communities that do not have existing mentoring programs as well as to~~
21 ~~enhance established evidence-informed youth mentoring programs that~~
22 ~~are already in existence.~~

23 ~~(5) **Administration - duties of contracting entities.** (a) To be~~
24 ~~eligible for money from the youth mentoring services cash fund created~~
25 ~~in subsection (6) of this section for the provision of evidence-informed~~
26 ~~youth mentoring services, an entity must apply to the board in accordance~~
27 ~~with the timelines and guidelines adopted by the board pursuant to section~~

1 26-6.8-103 and must meet the requirements of subsection (5)(b) of this
2 section:

3 ~~(b) An entity selected by the board to provide an~~
4 ~~evidence-informed youth mentoring program shall:~~

5 ~~(I) Adhere to evidence-informed standards of practice. An~~
6 ~~evidence-informed youth mentoring program uses a model that is~~
7 ~~evaluated annually and incorporates research evidence into its design and~~
8 ~~delivery. An entity that is awarded a grant shall annually demonstrate~~
9 ~~proof that evidence-informed standards are applied throughout the~~
10 ~~program. An entity must demonstrate proof that it applies~~
11 ~~evidence-informed standards by presenting current proof of compliance~~
12 ~~for achievement from an evaluation concerning the application of~~
13 ~~evidence-informed standards administered by an outside organization;~~
14 ~~and~~

15 ~~(II) Ensure mentoring is the primary service provided by the~~
16 ~~program and make intentional matches or formal connections between~~
17 ~~youths and mentors.~~

18 ~~(c) Community-based organizations may obtain private and public~~
19 ~~funds, grants, gifts, or donations for youth mentoring programs. The~~
20 ~~executive director may accept and expend on behalf of the state any~~
21 ~~funds, grants, gifts, or donations from any private or public source for the~~
22 ~~purpose of implementing this section; except that the executive director~~
23 ~~shall not accept a grant or donation if the conditions attached to the grant~~
24 ~~or donation require the expenditure thereof in a manner contrary to law.~~

25 ~~(d) Entities selected to receive grants pursuant to this section for~~
26 ~~the provision of youth mentoring services shall match any grant received~~
27 ~~with a contribution that is the equivalent of twenty percent of the grant~~

1 awarded.

2 ~~(6) **Youth mentoring services cash fund.** There is created in the~~
3 ~~state treasury the youth mentoring services cash fund, referred to in this~~
4 ~~subsection (6) as the "fund". The money in the fund is subject to annual~~
5 ~~appropriation by the general assembly for the direct and indirect costs of~~
6 ~~implementing this section. All unexpended and unencumbered money~~
7 ~~appropriated to the fund at the end of a fiscal year remains available for~~
8 ~~expenditure by the state department for youth mentoring services in the~~
9 ~~following fiscal year without further appropriation and must not be~~
10 ~~transferred or revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year. The~~
11 ~~executive director may accept on behalf of the state any grants, gifts, or~~
12 ~~donations from any private or public source for the purpose of this~~
13 ~~section. All private and public money received through grants, gifts, or~~
14 ~~donations must be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the~~
15 ~~same to the fund. The general assembly may appropriate money from the~~
16 ~~marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501. All investment~~
17 ~~earnings derived from the deposit and investment of money in the fund~~
18 ~~remains in the fund and must not be transferred or revert to the general~~
19 ~~fund of the state at the end of any fiscal year.~~

20 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 26-6.8-105 as
21 follows:

22 **26-6.8-105. Colorado student dropout prevention and**
23 **intervention program.** ~~(1) **Short title.** This section shall be known and~~
24 ~~may be cited as the "Colorado Student Dropout Prevention and~~
25 ~~Intervention Act".~~

26 ~~(2) **Legislative declaration.** The general assembly hereby finds~~
27 ~~that:~~

1 (a) ~~During the last decade, over one hundred thousand students in~~
2 ~~Colorado left school without successfully completing a high school~~
3 ~~program;~~

4 (b) ~~In 1996, three million six hundred thousand young adults in~~
5 ~~the United States were neither enrolled in school nor had they completed~~
6 ~~a high school program;~~

7 (c) ~~In the 1995-1996 academic year, approximately thirteen~~
8 ~~thousand students withdrew from Colorado schools prior to receiving a~~
9 ~~diploma, resulting in a four percent dropout rate;~~

10 (d) ~~Of those students who withdrew from Colorado schools prior~~
11 ~~to receiving a diploma, approximately five thousand nine hundred were~~
12 ~~minority students;~~

13 (e) ~~The dropout rate of minority students in Colorado is~~
14 ~~significantly greater than that of nonminority students;~~

15 (f) ~~Numerous factors, including socioeconomic background, lack~~
16 ~~of adult support, and the inability to communicate well in English,~~
17 ~~influence a student's decision to drop out of school;~~

18 (g) ~~Research has shown that, compared with high school~~
19 ~~graduates, relatively more dropouts are unemployed, and those dropouts~~
20 ~~who do succeed in finding work tend to earn less money than high school~~
21 ~~graduates; and~~

22 (h) ~~High school dropouts are more likely to apply for and receive~~
23 ~~public assistance than high school graduates.~~

24 (3) **Definitions.** ~~For purposes of this section, "student" means an~~
25 ~~individual enrolled in a primary or secondary school who is facing~~
26 ~~adversity such as dropping out of school because of the individual's~~
27 ~~socioeconomic background, lack of adult support, language barriers, or~~

1 other identified indicators that cause school drop out.

2 ~~(4) **Colorado student dropout prevention and intervention**~~
3 ~~**program.** There is created the Colorado student dropout prevention and~~
4 ~~intervention program in the Tony Grampsas youth services program to~~
5 ~~provide services to students and their families in an effort to reduce the~~
6 ~~dropout rate in secondary schools through an appropriate combination of~~
7 ~~academic and extracurricular activities designed to enhance the overall~~
8 ~~education and edification of students in secondary schools.~~

9 ~~(5) **Administration.** (a) The state department shall administer the~~
10 ~~student dropout prevention and intervention program. Subject to the~~
11 ~~designation in subsection (5)(b) of this section, the board shall select~~
12 ~~those entities that will receive grants through the student dropout~~
13 ~~prevention and intervention program and the amount of each grant. In~~
14 ~~addition, the state department shall monitor the effectiveness of programs~~
15 ~~that receive funds through the student dropout prevention and~~
16 ~~intervention program. To be eligible for grants from the board for the~~
17 ~~provision of student dropout prevention and intervention programs for~~
18 ~~students, an entity must apply to the board in accordance with the~~
19 ~~timelines and guidelines adopted by the board pursuant to section~~
20 ~~26-6.8-103.~~

21 ~~(b) Any moneys awarded by the board shall be paid from moneys~~
22 ~~appropriated out of the general fund for the Tony Grampsas youth~~
23 ~~services program. Each year no less than ten percent of the total~~
24 ~~appropriation from the general fund shall be designated and used~~
25 ~~exclusively for programs specifically designed to prevent students from~~
26 ~~dropping out of secondary schools; except that, commencing in fiscal year~~
27 ~~2004-05 and in each fiscal year thereafter, no less than twenty percent of~~

1 the total appropriation shall be designated and used exclusively for such
2 purpose:

3 ~~(6) **Receipt of money.** (a) The executive director may accept on~~
4 ~~behalf of the state any funds, grants, gifts, or donations from any private~~
5 ~~or public source for the purpose of implementing student dropout~~
6 ~~prevention and intervention programs pursuant to this section; except that~~
7 ~~the executive director shall not accept funds, grants, gifts, or donations if~~
8 ~~the conditions attached thereto require the expenditure thereof in a~~
9 ~~manner contrary to law.~~

10 ~~(b) All private and public money received through funds, grants,~~
11 ~~gifts, or donations pursuant to this subsection (6) shall be transmitted to~~
12 ~~the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the student dropout~~
13 ~~prevention and intervention fund, which fund is hereby created. The~~
14 ~~money in the fund is subject to annual appropriation by the general~~
15 ~~assembly for the direct and indirect costs associated with the~~
16 ~~administration of this section. The executive director may expend money~~
17 ~~appropriated to the state department from the fund to provide a grant for~~
18 ~~implementing and administering a student dropout prevention and~~
19 ~~intervention program. All investment earnings derived from the deposit~~
20 ~~and investment of money in the fund is credited to the fund. All~~
21 ~~unexpended and unencumbered money in the fund at the end of a fiscal~~
22 ~~year remains available for expenditure by the state department for student~~
23 ~~dropout prevention and intervention in the following fiscal year without~~
24 ~~further appropriation and must not be transferred or revert to the general~~
25 ~~fund at the end of a fiscal year.~~

26 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 26-6.8-106 as
27 follows:

1 **26-6.8-106. Colorado student before-and-after-school project**
2 **- creation - funding.** ~~(1) **Definitions.**~~ As used in this section, unless the
3 context otherwise requires:

4 ~~(a) "Before-and-after-school program" means a program that~~
5 ~~meets before regular school hours or after regular school hours or during~~
6 ~~a period when school is not in session.~~

7 ~~(b) "Fund" means the Colorado student before-and-after-school~~
8 ~~project fund created in subsection (4) of this section.~~

9 ~~(c) "Project" means the Colorado before-and-after-school project~~
10 ~~created in subsection (2) of this section.~~

11 ~~(2) **Colorado student before-and-after-school project.** There is~~
12 ~~created, in the Tony Grampas youth services program, the Colorado~~
13 ~~student before-and-after-school project to provide grants to entities to~~
14 ~~provide high-quality before-and-after-school programs that may include~~
15 ~~an alcohol, tobacco, or other drug use intervention, prevention, and~~
16 ~~education component. Entities that receive grants pursuant to this section~~
17 ~~shall apply the grants to creating and implementing~~
18 ~~before-and-after-school programs that primarily serve youth enrolled in~~
19 ~~grades six through eight or youth who are twelve to fourteen years of age.~~
20 ~~The before-and-after-school programs are designed to help youth develop~~
21 ~~their interests and skills in the areas of sports and fitness, character and~~
22 ~~leadership, or arts and culture and may provide education regarding the~~
23 ~~dangers of the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.~~
24 ~~Before-and-after-school programs that are designed primarily to increase~~
25 ~~academic achievement or that provide religious instruction are not~~
26 ~~eligible for funding pursuant to this section.~~

27 ~~(3) **Administration.** (a) The state department shall administer the~~

1 project. The board shall select the entities that will receive grants through
2 the project and the amount of each grant. In addition, the state department
3 shall monitor the effectiveness of before-and-after-school programs that
4 receive moneys through the project. To be eligible for grants through the
5 project, an entity shall apply to the board in accordance with the timelines
6 and guidelines adopted by the board pursuant to section 26-6.8-103.
7 Notwithstanding any provision of this article or any criteria for awarding
8 grants adopted by the board pursuant to section 26-6.8-103 (2)(b) to the
9 contrary, an entity may be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this
10 section regardless of whether the before-and-after-school program to
11 which the grant would apply serves youth who are eligible for free or
12 reduced-cost lunch pursuant to the "Richard B. Russell National School
13 Lunch Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 1751 et seq.

14 (b) ~~The grants awarded through the project shall be paid from~~
15 ~~moneys appropriated from the fund to the state department. The board~~
16 ~~and grant recipients are encouraged to apply moneys awarded through the~~
17 ~~project to leverage additional funding as matching funds from private and~~
18 ~~federal sources.~~

19 ~~(4) **Colorado student before-and-after-school project fund.**~~
20 ~~There is created in the state treasury the Colorado student~~
21 ~~before-and-after-school project fund that consists of money that the~~
22 ~~general assembly may appropriate to the fund. The money in the fund is~~
23 ~~subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly to the state~~
24 ~~department for the purpose of providing grants as provided in this section~~
25 ~~and the direct and indirect costs associated with the implementation of~~
26 ~~this section. Any money in the fund not expended for the purpose of this~~
27 ~~section may be invested by the state treasurer as provided by law. All~~

1 interest and income derived from the investment and deposit of money in
2 the fund is credited to the fund. All unexpended and unencumbered
3 money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year remains available for
4 expenditure by the state department for before-and-after-school programs
5 in the next fiscal year without further appropriation. Any unexpended and
6 unencumbered money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year
7 remains in the fund and shall not be credited or transferred to the general
8 fund or another fund.

9 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-3-113, **amend**
10 (3)(a) as follows:

11 **13-3-113. Family-friendly courts. (3) Definitions.** For purposes
12 of this section:

13 (a) "At-risk youth" ~~shall have the same meaning as "youth" set~~
14 ~~forth in section 26-6.8-104 (3)~~ MEANS A PERSON WHO IS FIVE YEARS OF
15 AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO IS
16 EXPERIENCING POVERTY, EXPOSURE TO SUBSTANCE USE, FAMILY
17 CONFLICT, ASSOCIATION WITH PEERS WHO ARE JUSTICE-INVOLVED,
18 DISCIPLINARY ISSUES, OR CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

19 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-1104.5,
20 **amend (1.7)(e); and amend as it will become effective July 1, 2025, (3)**
21 as follows:

22 **24-75-1104.5. Use of settlement money - programs - repeal.**
23 (1.7) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (1.3), (1.8), and (5) of
24 this section, and except that disputed payments received by the state in the
25 2015-16 fiscal year or in any year thereafter are excluded from the
26 calculation of allocations pursuant to this subsection (1.7), for the
27 2016-17 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the following

1 programs, services, and funds receive the following specified percentages
2 of the total amount of settlement money received by the state in the
3 preceding fiscal year:

4 (e) The Tony Grampas youth services program created in ~~article~~
5 ~~6.8 of title 26, C.R.S., shall receive~~ SECTION 26-6.8-102 RECEIVES seven
6 and one-half percent of the total amount of settlement ~~moneys~~ MONEY,
7 which the state treasurer shall transfer to the youth services program fund
8 created in ~~section 26-6.8-102 (2)(d), C.R.S.~~ SECTION 26-6.8-102 (7);

9 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1.7) of this section, for purposes
10 of sections 23-20-136 (3.5)(a), 25-4-1401 (6), 25-4-1405 (2), 25-23-104
11 (2), 25.5-8-105 (3), 26.5-3-507 (2)(e), ~~26-6.8-102 (2)(d)~~ **26-6.8-102 (7)**,
12 and 28-5-709 (2)(a), settlement money received and allocated by the state
13 pursuant to subsection (1.7) of this section during the same fiscal year is
14 deemed to be money received for or during the preceding fiscal year.

15 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-804, **amend**
16 (3)(a) as follows:

17 **25-3.5-804. Tobacco education, prevention, and cessation**
18 **programs - review committee - grants - reimbursement for expenses.**

19 (3) (a) The division shall review the applications received pursuant to
20 this part 8 and make recommendations to the state board regarding those
21 entities that may receive grants and the amounts of ~~said~~ THE grants. On
22 and after October 1, 2005, the review committee shall review the
23 applications received pursuant to this part 8 and submit to the state board
24 and the director of the department recommended grant recipients, grant
25 amounts, and the duration of each grant. Within thirty days after receiving
26 the review committee's recommendations, the director shall submit ~~his or~~
27 ~~her~~ THE DIRECTOR'S recommendations to the state board. The review

1 committee's recommendations regarding grantees of the Tony Grampsas
2 youth services GRANT program, CREATED IN section 26-6.8-102, pursuant
3 to section 25-3.5-805 (5) shall be submitted to the state board and the
4 ~~Tony Grampsas youth services board~~ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
5 Within thirty days after receiving the review committee's
6 recommendations, the ~~Tony Grampsas youth services board~~ DEPARTMENT
7 OF HUMAN SERVICES shall submit its recommendations to the state board.
8 The state board has the final authority to approve the grants under this
9 part 8. If the state board disapproves a recommendation for a grant
10 recipient, the review committee may submit a replacement
11 recommendation within thirty days. In reviewing grant applications for
12 programs to provide tobacco education, prevention, and cessation
13 programs for persons with behavioral or mental health disorders, the
14 division or the review committee shall consult with the programs for
15 public psychiatry at the university of Colorado health sciences center, the
16 national alliance on mental illness, the mental health association of
17 Colorado, and the department of human services.

18 **SECTION 11. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
21 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
22 institutions.