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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE TONY GRAMPSAS YOUTH SERVICES**
102 **PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND**
103 **REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

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created within the grant program. The bill repeals the individual programs and instead lists the programs as allowable uses for grant money under the grant program.

The bill transfers certain responsibilities from the Tony Gramscas 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

1 public assistance than high school graduates; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (2) "Entity" means a local government, a Colorado public or
26 not-for-profit school, a group of public or not-for-profit schools, a school
27 district or group of school districts, a board of cooperative services, an

1 institution of higher education, the Colorado National Guard, or a private
2 nonprofit or not-for-profit community-based organization.

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

5 (4) "GRANT PROGRAM" OR "PROGRAM" MEANS THE TONY
6 GRAMPSAS YOUTH SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION
7 26-6.8-102.

8 (5) "INTERMEDIARY ENTITY" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT
9 APPLIES FOR A GRANT TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT EVIDENCE-BASED OR
10 EVIDENCE-INFORMED STRATEGIES OR PROGRAMS WITH SUBCONTRACTED
11 ENTITIES AND:

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

16 (b) HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE A VARIETY OF SERVICES TO
17 LOCAL PROGRAMS THAT IMPLEMENT THE SAME SPECIFIC EVIDENCE-BASED
18 OR EVIDENCE-INFORMED STRATEGY OR PROGRAM AS THE INTERMEDIARY
19 ENTITY, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

20 (I) COMMUNITY PREPARATION FOR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION;

21 (II) STAFF TRAINING ON THE EVIDENCE-BASED OR
22 EVIDENCE-INFORMED STRATEGY OR PROGRAM;

23 (III) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE;

24 (IV) PROGRAM MONITORING;

25 (V) LIAISON FOR ENTITIES THAT DEVELOP OR OVERSEE A SPECIFIC
26 EVIDENCE-BASED OR EVIDENCE-INFORMED STRATEGY OR PROGRAM;

27 (VI) EVALUATION COORDINATION; AND

1 (VII) FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION THROUGH SUBCONTRACTS;

2 (c) SERVES AS THE FISCAL AND COORDINATING ENTITY WITH THE
3 INTENT OF SUBCONTRACTING GRANT-RELATED SERVICES TO COMMUNITY
4 PARTNERS;

5 (d) ALLOCATES FIFTY PERCENT OR MORE OF THE ENTITY'S BUDGET
6 TO PARTNER ENTITIES;

7 (e) HAS AN APPLICATION PROCESS TO IDENTIFY PARTNER ENTITIES
8 EITHER PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE GRANT APPLICATION OR ONCE THE
9 ENTITY RECEIVES THE FUNDING NOTIFICATION; AND

10 (f) HAS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EACH PARTNER
11 ENTITY THAT IS A SUBCONTRACTED ENTITY.

12 (6) "MULTI-ENTITY" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT APPLIES
13 FOR A GRANT IN COLLABORATION WITH A PARTNER ENTITY AND:

14 (a) HAS AN ESTABLISHED COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
15 TWO OR MORE ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
16 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES;

17 (b) HAS ONE LEAD ENTITY THAT ENTERS INTO SUBCONTRACTS
18 WITH OTHER PARTNER ENTITIES AND:

19 (I) SERVES AS THE LIAISON TO THE GRANT PROGRAM AS THE
20 PRIMARY CONTACT AND COORDINATES AND SUBMITS ALL REQUIRED
21 GRANT PROGRAM REPORTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-6.8-102 (6) ON
22 BEHALF OF THE PARTNER ENTITIES;

23 (II) MANAGES AND COORDINATES ALL GRANT PROGRAM
24 PROCEDURES FOR THE PARTNER ENTITIES;

25 (III) CONDUCTS PROGRAM MONITORING WITH PARTNER ENTITIES
26 TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH THE GRANT PROGRAM;

27 (IV) COORDINATES GRANT PROGRAM-RELATED EVALUATION

1 PROCESSES WITH THE PARTNER ENTITIES; AND

2 (V) ALLOCATES FIFTY PERCENT OR MORE OF THE LEAD ENTITY'S
3 BUDGET TO THE PARTNER ENTITIES; AND

4 (c) HAS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EACH
5 PARTNER ENTITY PARTICIPATING IN THE COLLABORATIVE.

6 (7) "SINGLE ENTITY" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT APPLIES
7 FOR A GRANT INDEPENDENTLY DESPITE ANY PROGRAMMATIC
8 COLLABORATION THAT MAY EXIST WITH OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS.

9 ~~(4)~~ (8) "State department" means the state department of human
10 services.

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

13 **26-6.8-102. Tony Grampsas youth services grant program -**
14 **creation - guidelines and criteria - cash fund - rules - repeal.**

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

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

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

4 ~~(II) To provide prevention and intervention services in an effort~~
5 ~~to reduce the occurrence and reoccurrence of child abuse and neglect and~~
6 ~~to reduce the need for state intervention in child abuse and neglect~~
7 ~~prevention and education;~~

8 ~~(III) For the prevention and intervention of PREVENT youth~~
9 alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drug use; and

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

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

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

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

13 (e) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
14 STRATEGIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO CHILDREN _____ AND THEIR
15 FAMILIES WITH THE GOAL OF INCREASING FAMILY STRENGTHS, ENHANCING
16 CHILD DEVELOPMENT, AND REDUCING THE LIKELIHOOD OF CHILD ABUSE
17 AND NEGLECT. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION AND
18 INTERVENTION STRATEGIES MUST BE BASED ON ENGAGING FAMILIES,
19 PROGRAMS, AND COMMUNITIES IN ENHANCING PROTECTIVE FACTORS.

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

27 (b) ~~Repealed.~~

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

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

1 fund at the end of a fiscal year.

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

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

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

21 (4) ~~Entities seeking to provide youth mentoring services or to~~
22 ~~enhance existing youth mentoring programs are encouraged to submit an~~
23 ~~application to the board for grants directly from the Tony Grampsas youth~~
24 ~~services program, in addition to any funding the entities may be seeking~~
25 ~~from the youth mentoring services cash fund pursuant to section~~
26 ~~26-6.8-104 (6), to establish or enhance youth mentoring programs.~~
27 ~~Entities submitting applications for grants directly from the Tony~~

1 Grampsas youth services program pursuant to this section need not meet
2 the requirements of section 26-6.8-104 (5)(b).

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

6 (I) Guidelines for proposal design FOR SINGLE ENTITY
7 APPLICANTS, MULTI-ENTITY APPLICANTS, AND INTERMEDIARY ENTITY
8 APPLICANTS; AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (IV) [Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(b)(II.5)] That the grant application
2 process identifies and prioritizes funding programs that meet a need in the
3 community, including, but not limited to, the presence of risk factors in
4 a grant applicant's intended populations; and

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

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

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

1 (c) AN ENTITY IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR
2 OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE OUT-OF-
3 SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM TO WHICH THE GRANT WOULD APPLY SERVES
4 YOUTH WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-COST LUNCH PURSUANT
5 TO THE "RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42 U.S.C.
6 SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.

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

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

23 (6) (a) [Formerly 26-6.8-103 (2)(c)] In addition to the guidelines
24 and criteria developed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this
25 subsection (2), the board shall develop result-oriented criteria for
26 measuring the effectiveness of programs that receive grants under the
27 Tony Grampsas youth services program as deemed appropriate to the

1 ~~nature of each program including, but not limited to, requiring grantees~~
2 ~~to evaluate the impact of the services provided by the program.~~ EXCEPT
3 AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6)(b) OF THIS SECTION, EACH ENTITY THAT
4 RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT THE FOLLOWING
5 INFORMATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT:

6 (I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED;

7 (II) THE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL
8 SERVED;

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

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

14 (B) PROVIDING YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMS;

15 (C) PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT;

16 (D) DECREASING YOUTH ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, MARIJUANA, AND
17 OTHER DRUG USE; OR

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

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

1 graduation from a secondary school, whichever occurs first.

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

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

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

26 (b) **[Formerly 26-6.8-102 (2)(d)(II)]** In addition to the moneys
27 MONEY appropriated to the youth services program fund pursuant to

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

13 (c) (I) ON JUNE 30, 2025, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
14 THE UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF THE YOUTH
15 MENTORING SERVICES CASH FUND, THE STUDENT DROPOUT PREVENTION
16 AND INTERVENTION FUND, AND THE COLORADO STUDENT
17 BEFORE-AND-AFTER SCHOOL PROJECT FUND TO THE YOUTH SERVICES
18 PROGRAM FUND.

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

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

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

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

1 **26-6.8-103. Tony Grampsas youth services board - members**

2 - **duties.** (1) ~~(a)~~ There is created the Tony Grampsas youth services
3 board, which is a **type 2** entity, as defined in section 24-1-105. The board
4 consists of the following members:

5 ~~(H)~~ (a) Four adult COMMUNITY members appointed by the
6 governor;

7 ~~(H)~~ (b) Two youth COMMUNITY members appointed by the
8 governor;

9 ~~(HH)~~ (c) Three adult COMMUNITY members appointed by the
10 speaker of the house of representatives;

11 ~~(HV)~~ (d) Two adult COMMUNITY members appointed by the
12 president of the senate; and

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

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

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

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

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

27 ~~(B)~~ (II) Appoint one or more ~~persons~~ COMMUNITY MEMBERS who

1 possess knowledge and awareness of early childhood care and education
2 As used in this subsection (1)(d)(I)(B), "early childhood" means younger
3 than nine years of age FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE YOUNGER THAN NINE
4 YEARS OF AGE.

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

11 (HH) (c) In appointing COMMUNITY members to the board, the
12 governor shall:

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

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

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

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

26 (e) (5) The board shall choose a chair and vice-chair from among
27 its members.

1 ~~(f)~~(f) (6) (a) The appointed members of the board shall serve
2 three-year terms; except that the terms of appointed members shall be
3 staggered so that no more than a minimum majority of the appointed
4 members' terms expire in the same year. If a vacancy arises in one of the
5 appointed offices, the authority making the original appointment shall fill
6 the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

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

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

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

- 14 ~~(I) Guidelines for proposal design;~~
- 15 ~~(II) Local public-to-private funding match requirements; and~~
- 16 ~~(III) Processes for local review and prioritization of program~~
17 ~~applications.~~

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

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

25 ~~(II) That the program is community-based, receiving input from~~
26 ~~organizations in the community such as schools, community mental~~
27 ~~health centers, local nonprofit or not-for-profit agencies, local law~~

1 enforcement agencies, businesses, and individuals within the community;

2 (H.5) That the grant application process identifies and prioritizes
3 funding programs that meet a need in the community, including, but not
4 limited to, the presence of risk factors in a grant applicant's intended
5 populations; and

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

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

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

27 (c) In addition to the guidelines and criteria developed pursuant

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

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

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

25 (5) In addition to the duties relating specifically to the Tony
26 Grampsas youth services program specified in this section, the board shall
27 operate the prevention and intervention programs specified in this article

1 ~~6.8 and such other prevention and intervention programs as may be~~
2 ~~assigned to the board by executive order to be funded by federal money,~~
3 ~~state money, or both. All unexpended and unencumbered money~~
4 ~~appropriated to the fund at the end of a fiscal year remains available for~~
5 ~~expenditure by the state department for the Tony Grampas youth services~~
6 ~~program in the following fiscal year without further appropriation and~~
7 ~~must not be transferred or revert to the general fund at the end of a fiscal~~
8 ~~year.~~

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

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

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

25 ~~(b) The general assembly further finds that, despite the positive~~
26 ~~results that may be achieved through structured youth mentoring~~
27 ~~programs, counties in the state of Colorado do not have the organizational~~

1 resources necessary to carry out successful mentoring programs or lack
2 volunteers to establish such programs, or both. The general assembly
3 finds that even counties in which there are established youth mentoring
4 programs, such programs are unable to meet the demand for mentors:

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

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

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

25 (5) **Administration - duties of contracting entities.** (a) To be
26 eligible for money from the youth mentoring services cash fund created
27 in subsection (6) of this section for the provision of evidence-informed

1 youth mentoring services, an entity must apply to the board in accordance
2 with the timelines and guidelines adopted by the board pursuant to section
3 26-6.8-103 and must meet the requirements of subsection (5)(b) of this
4 section.

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

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

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

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

27 ~~(d) Entities selected to receive grants pursuant to this section for~~

1 the provision of youth mentoring services shall match any grant received
2 with a contribution that is the equivalent of twenty percent of the grant
3 awarded.

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

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

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

1 (2) ~~Legislative declaration.~~ The general assembly hereby finds
2 that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (3) **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, "student" means an
27 individual enrolled in a primary or secondary school who is facing

1 ~~adversity such as dropping out of school because of the individual's~~
2 ~~socioeconomic background, lack of adult support, language barriers, or~~
3 ~~other identified indicators that cause school drop out.~~

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

11 ~~(5) **Administration.** (a) The state department shall administer the~~
12 ~~student dropout prevention and intervention program. Subject to the~~
13 ~~designation in subsection (5)(b) of this section, the board shall select~~
14 ~~those entities that will receive grants through the student dropout~~
15 ~~prevention and intervention program and the amount of each grant. In~~
16 ~~addition, the state department shall monitor the effectiveness of programs~~
17 ~~that receive funds through the student dropout prevention and~~
18 ~~intervention program. To be eligible for grants from the board for the~~
19 ~~provision of student dropout prevention and intervention programs for~~
20 ~~students, an entity must apply to the board in accordance with the~~
21 ~~timelines and guidelines adopted by the board pursuant to section~~
22 ~~26-6.8-103.~~

23 ~~(b) Any moneys awarded by the board shall be paid from moneys~~
24 ~~appropriated out of the general fund for the Tony Grampsas youth~~
25 ~~services program. Each year no less than ten percent of the total~~
26 ~~appropriation from the general fund shall be designated and used~~
27 ~~exclusively for programs specifically designed to prevent students from~~

1 dropping out of secondary schools; except that, commencing in fiscal year
2 2004-05 and in each fiscal year thereafter, no less than twenty percent of
3 the total appropriation shall be designated and used exclusively for such
4 purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 eligible for funding pursuant to this section.

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

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

21 (4) **Colorado student before-and-after-school project fund.**
22 There is created in the state treasury the Colorado student
23 before-and-after-school project fund that consists of money that the
24 general assembly may appropriate to the fund. The money in the fund is
25 subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly to the state
26 department for the purpose of providing grants as provided in this section
27 and the direct and indirect costs associated with the implementation of

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 calculation of allocations pursuant to this subsection (1.7), for the
2 2016-17 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the following
3 programs, services, and funds receive the following specified percentages
4 of the total amount of settlement money received by the state in the
5 preceding fiscal year:

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

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

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

19 **25-3.5-804. Tobacco education, prevention, and cessation**
20 **programs - review committee - grants - reimbursement for expenses.**

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

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

20 **SECTION 11. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

21 (1) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general
22 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of
23 human services for use by the office of children, youth and families are
24 adjusted as follows:

25 (a) The cash funds appropriation from the marijuana tax cash fund
26 created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., for the appropriation to the
27 youth mentoring services cash fund is decreased by \$500,000;

1 (b) The reappropriated funds appropriation from the youth
2 mentoring services fund created in section 26-6.8-104 (6), C.R.S., for the
3 tony grampsas youth services program is decreased by \$504,120; and

4 (c) The cash funds appropriation from the the marijuana tax cash
5 fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., for the tony grampsas
6 youth services program is increased by \$500,000.

7 **SECTION 12. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
8 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
10 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
11 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
12 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
13 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
14 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
15 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.