

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

SB23-149 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 23-3.3-1010** as  
4 follows:

5 **23-3.3-1010. Youth mentorship assistance grant pilot program**  
6 **- creation - policies - reports - definitions - repeal.** (1) THERE IS  
7 CREATED IN THE INITIATIVE THE YOUTH MENTORSHIP ASSISTANCE GRANT  
8 PILOT PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL  
9 ASSISTANCE TO A STUDENT WHO PROVIDES MENTORSHIP SERVICES TO  
10 DEFRAY THE COST OF THE STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE AT A PUBLIC  
11 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

12 (2) THE BOARD SHALL:

13 (a) SELECT APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATIONS TO  
14 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM;

15 (b) ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM CAP, OR VARIOUS MAXIMUM CAPS, ON  
16 THE AMOUNT THAT ELIGIBLE STUDENT-MENTORS MAY EARN THROUGH  
17 PROVIDING MENTORSHIP SERVICES; AND

18 (c) ESTABLISH PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR ELIGIBLE  
19 STUDENT-MENTORS WHO DEMONSTRATE THE GREATEST FINANCIAL  
20 ASSISTANCE NEEDS.

21 (3) TO BE AN APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATION, A  
22 YOUTH MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATION SHALL:

23 (a) PROVIDE MENTORSHIP SERVICES TO YOUTH WHO RESIDE IN  
24 COMMUNITIES THAT WERE HISTORICALLY AND ARE CURRENTLY  
25 NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY STRUCTURAL AND SYSTEMIC DESIGN, AND  
26 CONSEQUENTLY HAVE NO OR LIMITED ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTORSHIP  
27 SERVICES;

28 (b) APPLY TO THE BOARD IN THE TIME AND MANNER REQUIRED BY  
29 THE BOARD; AND

30 (c) (I) HAVE A POLICY AND PROCEDURE REQUIRING A CRIMINAL  
31 HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK OF ALL PROSPECTIVE ELIGIBLE  
32 STUDENT-MENTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES.

33 (II) THE YOUTH MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATION SHALL NOT PERMIT  
34 PROSPECTIVE ELIGIBLE STUDENT-MENTORS, VOLUNTEERS, OR EMPLOYEES  
35 TO SERVE THE ORGANIZATION IF THEY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF,  
36 ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO, OR RECEIVED A  
37 DEFERRED SENTENCE FOR:

38 (A) A FELONY;

39 (B) A MISDEMEANOR CRIME INVOLVING UNLAWFUL SEXUAL  
40 BEHAVIOR OR UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR INVOLVING CHILDREN; OR

1 (C) A MISDEMEANOR CRIME, THE UNDERLYING FACTUAL BASIS OF  
2 WHICH HAS BEEN FOUND BY THE COURT ON THE RECORD TO INVOLVE  
3 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

4 (4) TO BE AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT-MENTOR, THE STUDENT SHALL:  
5 (a) APPLY TO THE APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATION  
6 IN THE TIME AND MANNER SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD;  
7 (b) SATISFY ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO BE A  
8 STUDENT-MENTOR THROUGH THE APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP  
9 ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING COMPLETING A CRIMINAL HISTORY  
10 BACKGROUND CHECK AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS  
11 SECTION; AND  
12 (c) BE ENROLLED IN A QUALIFIED PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
13 EDUCATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE MENTORSHIP, AND MUST BE  
14 CONSIDERED A SECOND YEAR STUDENT OR HIGHER, INCLUDING IN A  
15 GRADUATE PROGRAM, AT THE QUALIFIED PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
16 EDUCATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE MENTORSHIP.

17 (5)(a) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH POLICIES THAT ENSURE THAT  
18 PROGRAM MONEY IS USED FOR APPROVED ELIGIBLE STUDENT-MENTORS'  
19 HIGHER EDUCATION COST OF ATTENDANCE AND THAT ELIGIBLE  
20 STUDENT-MENTORS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM PROVIDE  
21 EVIDENCE OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE TO EARN THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
22 FOR COST OF ATTENDANCE. THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH POLICIES FOR  
23 THE REPAYMENT OF ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLIED TOWARD THE  
24 COST OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE ELIGIBLE STUDENT-MENTOR THAT THE  
25 ELIGIBLE STUDENT-MENTOR DID NOT EARN.

26 (b) THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH POLICIES NECESSARY FOR THE  
27 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE DATES FOR  
28 DISBURSEMENTS TO APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATIONS AND  
29 ELIGIBLE STUDENT-MENTORS' PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
30 EDUCATION.

31 (6) FOR THE 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL  
32 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM  
33 THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE BY THE COMMISSION  
34 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION. ANY MONEY APPROPRIATED  
35 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION NOT EXPENDED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2024, IS  
36 FURTHER APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE BY THE BOARD FOR  
37 THE 2024-25 AND 2025-26 STATE FISCAL YEARS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

38 (7)(a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, THE BOARD SHALL MAKE  
39 ITS FIRST DISBURSEMENT TO APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP  
40 ORGANIZATIONS.

41 (b) THE BOARD SHALL DISBURSE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO  
42 EACH APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATION.

43 (c) AN APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATION SHALL

1 DISBURSE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH THE PROGRAM TO THE  
2 QUALIFIED PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN WHICH AN  
3 ELIGIBLE STUDENT-MENTOR WHO PROVIDES SERVICE TO THE YOUTH  
4 MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATION IS ENROLLED, TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE  
5 COST OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE ELIGIBLE STUDENT-MENTOR IN EXCHANGE  
6 FOR THE MENTORSHIP SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ELIGIBLE  
7 STUDENT-MENTOR. THE AMOUNT DISBURSED PURSUANT TO THIS  
8 SUBSECTION (7)(c) MUST NOT EXCEED THE APPLICABLE CAPE ESTABLISHED  
9 BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (d) AT THE END OF THE GRANT TERM, THE APPROVED YOUTH  
11 MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATIONS SHALL RETURN ANY UNUSED MONEY  
12 RECEIVED THROUGH THE PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT.

13 (8) (a) AN APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATION SHALL  
14 SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES:

15 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP  
16 ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING ITS LOCATION, THE SERVICES IT PROVIDES,  
17 DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF THE MENTEES IT SERVES, AND SUMMARIES  
18 OF THE PROGRAM'S IMPACT ON THE MENTEES SERVED; EXCEPT THAT ANY  
19 SUMMARY MUST NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF A MENTEE OR INCLUDE  
20 PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF A  
21 MENTEE;

22 (II) THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE-STUDENT MENTORS WHO PROVIDED  
23 MENTORSHIP SERVICES TO THE APPROVED YOUTH MENTORSHIP  
24 ORGANIZATION DURING THE PRECEDING STATE FISCAL YEAR, IN TOTAL  
25 AND DISAGGREGATED BY RACE, ETHNICITY, GENDER IDENTITY, AND THE  
26 QUALIFIED PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN WHICH THE  
27 ELIGIBLE-STUDENT MENTORS ARE ENROLLED; AND

28 (III) THE AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED BY THE APPROVED YOUTH  
29 MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATION FROM THE PROGRAM, IN TOTAL AND  
30 DISAGGREGATED BY PAYMENTS TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
31 EDUCATION.

32 (b) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND ON OR BEFORE  
33 DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT  
34 A REPORT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF  
35 REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, CONCERNING THE  
36 PROGRAM IN THE PRECEDING STATE FISCAL YEAR. AT A MINIMUM, THE  
37 REPORT MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION CONCERNING:

38 (I) THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE APPROVED YOUTH  
39 MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS  
40 SECTION;

41 (II) IF AVAILABLE, THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE-STUDENT MENTORS  
42 WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM WHO CONTINUED ENROLLMENT IN  
43 THE QUALIFIED PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN A

1 SUBSEQUENT ACADEMIC TERM, REPORTED FOR THE PROGRAM AS A WHOLE  
2 AND FOR EACH INSTITUTION, IN TOTAL AND DISAGGREGATED BY RACE,  
3 ETHNICITY, AND GENDER IDENTITY; AND

4 (III) IF AVAILABLE, THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE-STUDENT MENTORS  
5 WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM WHO GRADUATED FROM THE  
6 QUALIFIED PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, REPORTED FOR  
7 THE PROGRAM AS A WHOLE AND FOR EACH INSTITUTION, IN TOTAL AND  
8 DISAGGREGATED BY RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER IDENTITY.

9 (9) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
10 REQUIRES:

11 (a) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE YOUTH MENTORSHIP ASSISTANCE  
12 GRANT PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

13 (b) "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE  
14 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 23-18-102  
15 (10)(a), A LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE, OR AN AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

16 (c) "YOUTH MENTORSHIP ORGANIZATION" MEANS A  
17 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES MENTORSHIP  
18 SERVICES TO YOUTH WHO RESIDE IN COMMUNITIES THAT WERE  
19 HISTORICALLY AND ARE CURRENTLY NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY  
20 STRUCTURAL AND SYSTEMIC DESIGN, AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE NO OR  
21 LIMITED ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTORSHIP SERVICES.

22 (10) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

23 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
25 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
26 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
27 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
28 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
29 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
30 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
31 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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