



# Memorandum

To: Joint Budget Committee Members  
From: Kelly Shen, JBC Staff (303-866-5434)  
Date: March 23, 2026  
Subject: Potential Legislation Packet 9

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If the Committee would like to approve a bill draft for introduction, the motion should include:

- Approve for introduction in the House as a JBC bill LLS 25-XXXX;
- When the bill should be run (with the Long Bill package or otherwise);
- Prime sponsors and co-sponsors; and
- Grant staff permission to make technical changes.

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# Memorandum

To: JBC Committee Members  
From: Phoebe Canagarajah, JBC Staff (303-866-2149)  
Date: March 20, 2026  
Subject: NVHP/COCAP Swap Bill (CDEC R5)

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The following bill authorizes swapping \$5.1 million from the Nurse Home Visitor Program (NHVP) Fund into the Colorado Child Abuse Prevention (COCAP) Trust Fund and \$5.1 General Fund to the Nurse Home Visitor Program, to draw down more federal funds. The change happens from FY 2026-27 through FY 2029-30.

This memo highlights an addition and a change that were not discussed with the Committee.

**The addition:** The bill replicates a change being made through H.B. 26-1075 (Child Welfare Prevention Services Funding) to eliminate the COCAP Trust Fund's repeal date. Currently, it repeals on July 1, 2027. Both this bill and H.B. 26-1075 continue the Trust Fund indefinitely. If H.B. 26-1075 does not pass, this bill continues the Trust Fund.

JBC Staff and OLLS discussed making this bill dependent on the passage of H.B. 26-1075, but the bills' effective dates do not align. JBC staff recommends approving the change in this bill.

**The change:** The bill does not modify the authorized uses of the NHVP Fund to include primary and secondary child maltreatment services, as previously recommended. OLLS confirmed this is unnecessary.

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

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**BILL TOPIC:** Funding for Prevention Servs Progs CDEC

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAMS**  
102 **WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, AND, IN**  
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING**  
104 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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**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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Under current law, the nurse home visitor program (program) provides regular in-home visiting nurse services to low-income first-time mothers during their pregnancies and

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

through their children's second birthday. The nurse home visitor program fund (fund) is subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly to the department of early childhood (department) for grants to entities for operation of the program. Among other revenue sources, the fund consists of money received pursuant to the master tobacco settlement agreement. The bill requires the state treasurer, on July 1, 2026, and on each July 1 thereafter through July 1, 2029, to transfer \$5.1 million from the fund to the Colorado child abuse prevention trust fund (trust fund).

Funds from the trust fund are subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly to the Colorado child abuse prevention board (board) within the department for child abuse prevention programs. These prevention services are eligible for reimbursement money received for prevention services and programs identified in the federal Title IV-E prevention services clearinghouse pursuant to the federal "Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018" (federal reimbursement money received for prevention services and programs). The trust fund and the board are scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2027. The bill continues the trust fund and board indefinitely.

The bill requires the department, on or before November 1, 2029, to report to the joint budget committee of the general assembly on the effect of the transfers from the fund to the trust fund, including an accounting of any additional federal reimbursement money received for prevention services and programs.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-206, **add**  
3 (1)(a.5) and (5) as follows:

4 **26.5-3-206. Colorado child abuse prevention trust fund -**  
5 **creation - source of funds - appropriation - report - repeal.**

6 (1) There is created in the state treasury the Colorado child abuse  
7 prevention trust fund. The board shall administer the trust fund, which  
8 consists of:

9 (a.5) (I) MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE TRUST FUND IN  
10 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 26.5-3-507 (2)(c)(III).

11 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
12 2030.

1 (5) (a) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2029, THE DEPARTMENT  
2 SHALL REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY ON THE EFFECT OF THE TRANSFERS FROM THE NURSE HOME  
4 VISITOR PROGRAM FUND CREATED IN SECTION 26.5-3-507 (2)(c) TO THE  
5 TRUST FUND. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE AN ACCOUNTING OF ANY  
6 ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT MONEY RECEIVED FOR PREVENTION  
7 SERVICES AND PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED IN THE FEDERAL TITLE IV-E  
8 PREVENTION SERVICES CLEARINGHOUSE PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL  
9 "FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT OF 2018" IN ITS REPORT.

10 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2030.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-208, **amend**  
12 (1) as follows:

13 **26.5-3-208. Report - repeal.**

14 (1) (a) The department shall contract for an independent  
15 evaluation of the Colorado child abuse prevention trust fund created in  
16 section 26.5-3-206, ~~as it existed prior to its repeal on July 1, 2027,~~  
17 including administrative costs of operating the trust fund and the  
18 cost-effectiveness and the impact of the grants on reducing and  
19 preventing child abuse. The department shall provide a report of the  
20 evaluation to the house of representatives and senate health and human  
21 services committees, or any successor committees, on or before  
22 November 1, 2029.

23 (b) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2030.

24 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 26.5-3-209 as  
25 follows:

26 **26.5-3-209. Repeal of part.**

27 ~~(1) Sections 26.5-3-201 to 26.5-3-207 are repealed, effective July~~

1 ~~1, 2027.~~

2 (2) Section ~~26.5-3-208~~ and this section are repealed, effective July  
3 ~~1, 2030.~~

4 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-503, **add** (1.5)  
5 as follows:

6 **26.5-3-503. Definitions.**

7 As used in this part 5, unless the context otherwise requires:

8 (1.5) "FUND" MEANS THE NURSE HOME VISITOR PROGRAM FUND  
9 CREATED IN SECTION 26.5-3-507 (2)(c).

10 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-507, **amend**  
11 (2)(c)(I); **repeal** (2)(d); and **add** (2)(c)(III) as follows:

12 **26.5-3-507. Selection of entities to administer the program -**  
13 **grants - nurse home visitor program fund - created - report - repeal.**

14 (2) (c) (I) Grants awarded pursuant to subsection (2)(a) of this  
15 section are payable from the nurse home visitor program fund, which  
16 fund is created in the state treasury. The nurse home visitor program fund  
17 ~~referred to in this section as the "fund"~~, is administered by the department  
18 and consists of money transferred to the fund by the state treasurer from  
19 money received pursuant to the master settlement agreement in the  
20 amount described in subsection (2)(e) of this section AND ANY OTHER  
21 MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER  
22 TO THE FUND. In addition, the state treasurer shall credit to the fund any  
23 public or private gifts, grants, or donations received by the department to  
24 implement the program, including any money received from the United  
25 States federal government for the program. The fund is subject to annual  
26 appropriation by the general assembly to the department for grants to  
27 entities for operation of the program. The department may retain the

1 amount needed to pay for the program's share of the department's indirect  
2 costs, as calculated under the federally approved cost allocation plan. In  
3 addition, the department may retain a total of up to five percent of the  
4 amount annually appropriated from the fund for the program, in order to  
5 compensate the health sciences facility pursuant to section 26.5-3-505 (4),  
6 as set forth in the scope of work in the agreement between the department  
7 and the health sciences facility, and to compensate the department for the  
8 actual costs the department incurs in implementing subsection (2)(b) of  
9 this section, as determined by the department; except that the portion of  
10 the costs to compensate the department for implementing subsection  
11 (2)(b) of this section must not exceed two percent of the amount annually  
12 appropriated from the fund for the program, and the portion of such costs  
13 to compensate the health sciences facility pursuant to section 26.5-3-505  
14 (4), as set forth in the scope of work in the contract between the  
15 department and the health sciences facility, must not exceed three percent  
16 of the amount annually appropriated from the fund for the program. In  
17 addition, if the total amount annually appropriated from the fund for the  
18 program exceeds nineteen million dollars, the department and the health  
19 sciences facility shall assess whether a smaller percentage of the  
20 appropriated funds exceeding nineteen million dollars is adequate to  
21 cover their actual costs and shall jointly submit to the general assembly  
22 a report articulating their conclusions on this subject. The actual costs of  
23 the department include department personnel and operating costs and any  
24 necessary transfers to the department of health care policy and financing  
25 for administrative costs incurred for the medicaid program associated  
26 with the program. The actual costs of the health sciences facility include  
27 the facility's own actual program costs and those of its contractors and

1 subcontractors. Any costs for time studies required to obtain Medicaid  
2 reimbursement for the program may be paid from program funds and are  
3 not subject to the five percent limit in this section. Notwithstanding  
4 section 24-36-114, all interest derived from the deposit and investment of  
5 money in the fund must be credited to the fund. Except as otherwise  
6 provided in ~~subsection (2)(c)(II)~~ SUBSECTIONS (2)(c)(II) AND (2)(c)(III)  
7 of this section, all unexpended and unencumbered money in the fund at  
8 the end of any fiscal year remains in the fund and must not be transferred  
9 to the general fund or any other fund.

10 (III) (A) ON JULY 1, 2026, AND ON EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER  
11 THROUGH JULY 1, 2029, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FIVE  
12 MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE FUND TO THE  
13 COLORADO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TRUST FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
14 26.5-3-206.

15 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (2)(c)(III) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
16 2030.

17 (d) ~~It is the intent of the general assembly that general fund money~~  
18 ~~not be appropriated for implementation of the program.~~

19 **SECTION 6. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

20 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to  
21 implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general  
22 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of  
23 early childhood for use by community and family support are adjusted as  
24 follows:

25 (a) The cash fund appropriation from the nurse home visitor  
26 program fund created in section 26.5-3-507 (2)(c)(I), C.R.S., for home  
27 visiting is decreased by \$5,100,000;

1 (b) The general fund appropriation for home visiting is increased  
2 by \$5,100,000;

3 (c) The general fund appropriation for child maltreatment  
4 prevention is decreased by \$5,100,000; and

5 (d) The cash fund appropriation from the Colorado child abuse  
6 prevention trust fund created in section 26.5-3-206 (1), C.R.S., for child  
7 maltreatment prevention is increased by \$5,100,000.

8 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
9 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27  
10 state fiscal year if:

11 (a) The amount of appropriation from the nurse home visitor  
12 program fund created in section 26.5-3-507 (2)(c)(I), C.R.S., made in the  
13 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
14 department of early childhood for use by the community and family  
15 support for home visiting is less than the amount of the adjustments  
16 required in subsection (1)(a) of this section;

17 (b) The amount of general fund appropriation made in the annual  
18 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
19 department of early childhood for use by community and family support  
20 for child maltreatment prevention is less than the amount of adjustments  
21 required in subsection (1)(c) of this section;

22 (c) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
23 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of early  
24 childhood for use by community and family support for home visiting; or

25 (d) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
26 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of early  
27 childhood for use by community and family support for child

1 maltreatment prevention.

2           **SECTION 7. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;  
3 except that section 6 of this act takes effect only if the annual general  
4 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which  
5 case section 6 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the  
6 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever  
7 is later.

8           **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
11 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
12 institutions.



# Memorandum

To: JBC Members  
From: Phoebe Canagarajah, JBC Staff (303-866-2149)  
Date: March 20, 2026  
Subject: Special Purpose Authority Bill – Updated Recommendations for Committee Action

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The following bill draft creates a new special purpose authority to take over the functions of the Colorado Disability Funding Committee, and receive historic license plate donations. Relevant to this bill, the Office of State Planning and Budgeting presented a comeback on March 18, which updates staff recommendation. The bill draft notes the impacted sections and contains two versions of them: one for original staff recommendation, another for updated staff recommendation. Staff notes other adjustments to the bill made since the figure setting presentation further below.

## **OSPB Comeback 11: R1a/BA1 (New special purpose authority) and R7 (Office of Independent Living Services reduction)**

### **Original Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommended, and the JBC approved, spending down the Disability Support Fund's (DSF) balance through refinancing \$4.1 million General Fund to Independent Living Services with DSF, time-limited to about 4 years.

### **OSPB Comeback**

Instead of spending down the DSF's balance on Independent Living Services, the Department and OSPB requests to:

- Not reduce General Fund appropriations to Independent Living Services
- Provide \$13.8 million spending authority from the DSF to fund Phase 1 of the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB) West Hall Renovation Project in FY 2026-27
- Provide \$1.0 million spending authority to Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to draw down \$3.7 million more federal funds and temporarily address waitlists

## Updated Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approving the Department’s comeback request, with the following legislative additions:

- [Legislation] Provide ongoing authority for the DSF to be used towards capital projects at CSDB, subject to annual appropriations
- [Legislation] Provide authority for the DSF to be used towards expenses in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, for FY 2026-27 only

The Committee has not yet voted on whether it would approve funding for CSDB’s capital project request. If the Committee takes staff recommendation to use the DSF for the CSDB West Hall project, then the legislation should include an appropriation from the DSF for the project. In that case, the Committee should also remove the \$13.8 million project cost from the capital construction list.

Staff agrees that the original staff recommendation risked future year appropriations for Centers for Independent Living. The balance of the DSF is better spent down on one-time expenses.

As indicated in the OSPB comeback, this updated request increases General Fund relief in FY 2026-27 compared to the original staff recommendation, but is lower in the outyears.

### General Fund Savings: Original Staff Recommendation vs OSPB Comeback

Item	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Original JBC Staff Recommendation	\$15,697,599	\$21,635,979
OSPB Comeback	25,367,365	17,527,073
Difference (OSPB to Original Staff)	\$9,669,766	-\$4,108,906

## Other Bill Adjustments

Additionally, the following adjustments to the bill were not discussed during Staff’s figure setting presentation:

- The remaining balance from the Disabled Parking Education and Enforcement Fund (\$20,191) transfers to the General Fund upon repeal.
  - The Committee could choose to include it in the warrant to the SPA from the Treasurer instead
- Creates a separate subaccount of the Disability Support Fund, to show revenue from sales of special license plate combinations. That subaccount would be annually appropriated to CDOO for its administrative costs, and continuously appropriated for reimbursements to the public or private entity CDOO contracts with to administer this auction.
- Reports to the Committee
  - The SPA must do a verbal presentation to the JBC on December 1, 2027 and 2028.
  - In following years, the SPA is not required to do a verbal presentation but must submit an annual report to the JBC on December 1.
  - The report must include an accounting of the SPA’s revenue and expenditures, including details on expenditures to administrative costs versus grants. The report must also include details on the grants awarded.

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

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**BILL TOPIC:** Support of Coloradans with Disabilities

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE SUPPORT OF COLORADANS WITH DISABILITIES, AND,**  
102 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE COLORADO**  
103 **DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY AND MAKING AND REDUCING**  
104 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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**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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Under current law, the Colorado disability funding committee (committee), a 13-member appointed committee housed within the Colorado disability opportunity office

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(office), is responsible for awarding grants or contracts to entities for programs that assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining or retaining disability benefits and for new or innovative pilot programs that improve the quality of life of individuals with disabilities. The disability support fund (fund) finances the work of the committee and the office and receives revenue from an annual \$25 fee paid for license plates in a retired style and from the sale of unique vehicle registration numbers.

The bill relocates the fund in statute and clarifies that the fund is subject to annual appropriation to support the office. Beginning in state fiscal year 2026-27, the money in the fund is also subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly for grants to independent living centers to provide independent living services. On October 1, 2026, the state treasurer is required to issue a warrant in the amount of \$523,343 from the fund to the Colorado disability funding authority (authority), which is a newly created special purpose authority. Beginning on October 1, 2026, the bill also replaces the \$25 annual fee paid for license plates in a retired style with a one-time and annual donation of \$22.50 remitted to the authority and a one-time and annual fee of \$2.50 credited to the fund.

The bill requires that any grant or contract awarded by the committee be completed by July 1, 2027, and repeals the committee on July 1, 2027. The bill reassigns the committee's responsibilities for administering the sale of unique vehicle registration numbers to the office. The office may contract with one or more public or private entities to implement the marketplace and sale of unique vehicle registration numbers and to perform any of the related duties assigned to the office. The office may use the money collected from the sale of unique vehicle registration numbers to pay the contracting entity for their services.

Beginning on July 1, 2027, the bill makes the authority responsible for many of the committee's previous grantmaking responsibilities, as well as other grantmaking responsibilities relating to programs that assist individuals with disabilities. The authority is governed by a board made up of 13 members appointed by the governor, the majority of whom are individuals with disabilities, individuals with immediate family members with disabilities, or individuals who are caregivers to a family member with a disability. In making the appointments, the governor must ensure that the authority board has members with experience in or knowledge of:

- Business and business management;
- Nonprofit entities and managing nonprofit entities;
- Advocacy for individuals with disabilities;
- The practice of medicine, with experience working with individuals with disabilities; and
- The practice of law, with experience working with individuals with disabilities.

The authority is required to invite nonprofit entities, independent living centers, county departments of human services, county departments of

social services, and other state and county agencies to submit proposals for programs to aid individuals with disabilities in accessing disability benefits. Beginning on July 1, 2027, the authority is required to award a contract or grant to one or more of the entities that submitted program proposals. When adequate funding is available, the authority may also accept and review proposals to fund projects or programs that study or pilot new and innovative ideas that will lead to an improved quality of life or increased independence for individuals with disabilities. When adequate funding is available, the authority may also make grants or develop, implement, or deliver education programs concerning reserved parking that is available to an individual with a disability affecting mobility.

On or before December 1, 2027, and on or before each December 1 thereafter, the authority is required to prepare and submit a financial and performance report to the joint budget committee of the general assembly. In addition to this annual report, the state auditor may also be required to conduct or cause to be conducted postaudits of the authority.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-101, **amend** (3)  
3 and (8); **repeal** (2); and **add** (3.5), (3.7), and (4.5) as follows:

4 **8-88-101. Definitions.**

5 As used in this article 88:

6 (2) "~~Committee~~" means the Colorado disability funding committee  
7 ~~created in section 8-88-202.~~

8 (3) "Contract entity" means an entity the ~~committee~~ CDOO  
9 contracts with pursuant to ~~section 8-88-206 (5)~~ SECTION 8-88-105 (4)(d)  
10 to implement ~~section 8-88-206~~ SECTION 8-88-105.

11 (3.5) "COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY" OR  
12 "AUTHORITY" MEANS THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY  
13 CREATED IN PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE 88.

14 (3.7) "COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY BOARD" OR  
15 "AUTHORITY BOARD" MEANS THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING  
16 AUTHORITY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301 (2).

1 (4.5) "DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH  
2 IN SECTION 42-1-102 (24).

3 (8) "Fund" means the disability support fund created in ~~section~~  
4 ~~8-88-205~~ SECTION 8-88-104.

5 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-102.5, **amend**  
6 (3) as follows:

7 **8-88-102.5. Comprehensive community integration plan for**  
8 **individuals with disabilities - review and assessment.**

9 (3) Money for the CDOO to develop, review, and update the plan  
10 is limited to the money in the ~~disability support fund, created in section~~  
11 ~~8-88-205~~, and the general assembly shall not appropriate any money from  
12 the general fund for that purpose.

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 8-88-103 as  
14 follows:

15 **8-88-103. Appropriation - gifts, grants, and donations.**

16 The general assembly shall appropriate money from the fund or  
17 from any other available source to the department for use by the CDOO  
18 for the purposes specified in this ~~article 88~~ PART 1. The CDOO may seek,  
19 accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from private or public  
20 sources for the purposes of this ~~article 88~~ PART 1.

21 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended**  
22 **and relocated provisions** 8-88-104 as follows:

23 **8-88-104 [Formerly 8-88-205]. Disability support fund -**  
24 **registration number account - repeal.**

25 (1) (a) ~~There~~ THE DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND is created in the state  
26 treasury. ~~the disability support fund, which~~ THE FUND consists of money  
27 ~~that may be appropriated or transferred to the fund by the general~~

1 ~~assembly; and any gifts, grants, or donations received by the department~~  
2 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS CREDITED TO THE FUND AND ANY OTHER  
3 MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER  
4 TO THE FUND for the purpose of implementing this article 88.

5 (b) THERE IS CREATED THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ACCOUNT  
6 WITHIN THE FUND, WHICH CONSISTS OF REVENUE COLLECTED FROM THE  
7 SALE OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS PURSUANT TO  
8 SECTION 8-88-105. THE MONEY IN THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ACCOUNT  
9 IS:

10 (I) CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE CDOO TO PAY THE  
11 CONTRACTING ENTITY FOR THEIR SERVICES IN IMPLEMENTING SECTION  
12 8-88-105; AND

13 (II) IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
15 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PART 1.

16 (2) The money in the fund is subject to annual appropriation by  
17 the general assembly for the direct and indirect costs associated with the  
18 implementation of this article 88. ~~Any money in the fund not expended~~  
19 ~~for the purpose of this section may be invested by the state treasurer as~~  
20 ~~provided by law.~~ THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT all interest and  
21 income derived from the investment and deposit of money in the fund  
22 ~~must be credited to the fund. Any unexpended and unencumbered money~~  
23 ~~remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the fund~~  
24 ~~for use as provided in this article 88 and must not be credited or~~  
25 ~~transferred to the general fund or another fund. If this section is repealed,~~  
26 ~~prior to its repeal, all unexpended and unencumbered money remaining~~  
27 ~~in the fund must be transferred to the general fund.~~

1           <{The following highlighted subsections are alternatives that  
2           require a committee decision, as noted below.}>

3           <{The following subsection (3) reflects the committee's decision  
4           to draft the recommendation to allow the disability support fund (fund)  
5           to be used for centers for independent living.}>

6           (3) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, FOR  
7           STATE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026, SUBJECT TO  
8           ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MONEY MAY BE  
9           EXPENDED FROM THE FUND TO AWARD GRANTS TO INDEPENDENT LIVING  
10          CENTERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-85-102 (5), TO PROVIDE INDEPENDENT  
11          LIVING SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-85-102 (7).

12          <{The following subsection (3) and (3.5) reflect the change as  
13          requested in the March 18th OSPB comeback to instead allow the fund  
14          to be used for the Colorado school for the deaf and the blind capital  
15          construction projects and, in SFY 26-27, for vocational rehabilitation  
16          services.}>

17          (3) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, FOR  
18          STATE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026, SUBJECT TO  
19          ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MONEY MAY BE  
20          EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR  
21          THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, DESCRIBED IN  
22          SECTION 22-80-102.

23          (3.5)(a) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, FOR  
24          STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE  
25          GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE  
26          FUND FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 84 OF  
27          THIS TITLE 8.

1 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (3.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

2 (4) (a) ON OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ISSUE  
3 A WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND  
4 THREE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS TO THE COLORADO DISABILITY  
5 FUNDING AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301, TO BE PAID FROM  
6 THE FUND.

7 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,  
8 2027.

9 SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended**  
10 **and relocated provisions** section 8-88-105 as follows:

11 **8-88-105 [Formerly 8-88-206]. Sale of registration numbers for**  
12 **license plates - license to buy and sell - market for - royalty payment**  
13 **- administration - third-party contracting entity.**

14 (1) (a) The state or a person may sell, and the state or a person  
15 may purchase, the exclusive right to use a registration number selected by  
16 the ~~committee~~ CDOO under subsection (2) of this section for the purpose  
17 of registering a vehicle under article 3 of title 42.

18 (b) The right to use a registration number is a license, the use of  
19 which is subject to compliance with this ~~part 2~~ SECTION. The duration of  
20 the license is determined by the ~~committee~~ CDOO.

21 (2) (a) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall raise money by selling to a  
22 buyer the right to use valuable letter and number combinations for a  
23 registration number.

24 (b) (I) ~~The committee shall study the market to determine which~~  
25 ~~registration numbers are the most valuable. Based on the study, the~~  
26 ~~committee~~ CDOO shall select the ~~most valuable~~ registration numbers and  
27 request the department of revenue to verify whether plates with the

1 registration numbers are currently issued. The ~~committee~~ CDOO and the  
2 department of revenue shall enter into an agreement establishing a  
3 process for requesting registration numbers, including specifying the  
4 frequency of these requests.

5 (II) Upon receiving the ~~committee's~~ CDOO's request, the  
6 department of revenue shall verify whether the plates are currently issued.  
7 For purposes of this subsection (2)(b), a plate that expires due to the  
8 operation of section 42-3-115 (5)(a) is considered currently issued until  
9 the expiration of the right of the owner of the motor vehicle to which the  
10 expired plate was affixed to apply to use the registration number of the  
11 expired plate when registering another motor vehicle. If the plate is not  
12 currently issued, the department of revenue shall reserve the registration  
13 number until the ~~committee~~ CDOO notifies the department of revenue to  
14 release the registration number.

15 (III) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall establish a process for  
16 determining the value of all configurations of registration numbers  
17 reserved by the ~~committee~~ CDOO. The pricing and manner of sale must  
18 follow the established process.

19 (IV) If a registration number is not currently issued, the ~~committee~~  
20 CDOO may sell the right to use the registration number in a manner  
21 calculated to bring the highest price; except that the department of  
22 revenue may deny the sale or use of a registration number that is  
23 offensive or inappropriate.

24 (3) (a) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall raise revenue by creating a  
25 market, which may include an online site, for the resale of license plate  
26 configurations of registration numbers using methods that are  
27 commercially reasonable, account for expenditures, and ensure the

1 collection of the state's approval and transfer royalty.

2 (b) The royalty for the state's approval and transfer of the right to  
3 use a registration number is twenty-five percent of the sale price of the  
4 transfer. At the time of sale, the purchaser shall pay the royalty to the  
5 ~~committee~~ CDOO. This payment is in addition to and not in lieu of the  
6 normal registration fees, sales or use taxes, or specific ownership tax.

7 (c) A person shall not sell a registration number, and the  
8 department of revenue shall not assign a registration number, as a result  
9 of the right to use the number being sold to a vehicle unless the  
10 registration number was sold using the market created ~~by the committee~~  
11 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

12 (4) (a) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall notify the department of  
13 revenue when the right to use a registration number has been sold and the  
14 ~~committee~~ CDOO has collected the state's sale proceeds or approval and  
15 transfer royalty. Upon receiving the notice, the department of revenue  
16 shall create a record in Colorado DRIVES, created in section 42-1-211,  
17 containing the name of the buyer; the vehicle identification number, if  
18 applicable; and the corresponding registration number.

19 (b) If the registration number consists of a combination of letters  
20 and numbers that is not within the normal format of a license plate  
21 currently produced for the department of revenue, the department of  
22 revenue shall issue the plates as personalized plates under section  
23 42-3-211; except that, notwithstanding section 42-3-211, the ~~committee~~  
24 CDOO may sell, and the buyer or any subsequent buyer may use:

25 (I) A registration number or letter of one position; or

26 (II) Any symbol on the standard American keyboard or approved  
27 by the ~~committee~~ CDOO.

1 (c) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall transfer the money collected  
2 ~~under this part 2~~ PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION to the state treasurer, who  
3 shall credit the money to THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ACCOUNT WITHIN  
4 the fund; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE CDOO CONTRACTS WITH ONE OR MORE  
5 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(d) OF THIS  
6 SECTION TO IMPLEMENT AND PERFORM ANY OF THE CDOO'S DUTIES  
7 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE CDOO MAY USE THE MONEY COLLECTED  
8 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO PAY THE CONTRACTING ENTITY FOR THEIR  
9 SERVICES.

10 (d) The ~~committee~~ CDOO may contract with one or more public  
11 or private entities to implement this ~~part 2~~ SECTION AND PERFORM ANY OF  
12 THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE CDOO PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

13 (e) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(c) OF THIS SECTION,  
14 any revenue received by the ~~committee~~ CDOO from the sale of  
15 registration numbers ~~shall~~ MUST be deposited in the fund.

16 (5) THE SALE OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS  
17 AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION IS A PROPERTY SALE AND, THEREFORE,  
18 REVENUE RECEIVED DUE TO THIS SALE OF PROPERTY DOES NOT  
19 CONSTITUTE STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
20 24-77-102 (17), FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE  
21 CONSTITUTION.

22 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-203, **amend**  
23 (2)(a)(I) as follows:

24 **8-88-203. Program to assist individuals to obtain disability**  
25 **benefits.**

26 (2) (a) (I) The committee shall review the proposed programs and  
27 shall award a contract or grant to one or more of the entities that best

1 meet the requirements of this section. A CONTRACT OR GRANT AWARDED  
2 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1, 2027.

3 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-204, **amend** (1)  
4 as follows:

5 **8-88-204. Program to investigate, fund, and pilot projects or**  
6 **programs to benefit individuals with disabilities.**

7 (1) When adequate funding is available, the committee shall  
8 accept and review proposals to fund projects or programs, or both, that  
9 study or pilot new and innovative ideas that will lead to an improved  
10 quality of life or increased independence for individuals with disabilities.  
11 Proposals may be accepted throughout the year, and grants may be made  
12 by the committee at its regular meetings. The fund is the sole source of  
13 money for any grants made pursuant to this section. A CONTRACT OR  
14 GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY  
15 JULY 1, 2027.

16 **SECTION 8. Repeal of relocated provisions in this act.** In  
17 Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 8-88-205 and 8-88-206.

18 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 8-88-207 as  
19 follows:

20 **8-88-207. Sunset review - repeal of part.**

21 This part 2 is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2029. Before the~~  
22 ~~repeal, this part 2 is scheduled for review in accordance with section~~  
23 ~~24-34-104~~ JULY 1, 2027.

24 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 3 to article  
25 88 of title 8 as follows:

26 PART 3

27 COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY

1           **8-88-301. Colorado disability funding authority - creation -**  
2           **board.**

3           (1) THERE IS CREATED THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING  
4           AUTHORITY. THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY IS A  
5           SPECIAL PURPOSE AUTHORITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102 (15),  
6           WHICH IS A BODY CORPORATE AND A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE  
7           STATE. THE AUTHORITY IS NOT AN AGENCY OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND  
8           IS NOT SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION BY ANY DEPARTMENT,  
9           COMMISSION, BOARD, BUREAU, OR AGENCY OF THE STATE.

10           (2) (a) (I) THE AUTHORITY IS GOVERNED BY THE COLORADO  
11           DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY BOARD, WHICH CONSISTS OF THIRTEEN  
12           MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE MAJORITY OF AUTHORITY  
13           BOARD MEMBERS ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH  
14           IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO  
15           ARE CAREGIVERS TO A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY.

16           (II) IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ENSURE  
17           THAT THE AUTHORITY BOARD HAS MEMBERS WITH EXPERIENCE IN OR  
18           KNOWLEDGE OF:

19           (A) BUSINESS AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT;

20           (B) NONPROFIT ENTITIES AND MANAGING NONPROFIT ENTITIES;

21           (C) ADVOCACY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

22           (D) THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH  
23           INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

24           (E) THE PRACTICE OF LAW, WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH  
25           INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

26           (III) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN  
27           SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, WHEN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO

1 THE AUTHORITY BOARD, THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE REASONABLE  
2 EFFORTS TO APPOINT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS WHO REFLECT THE  
3 GEOGRAPHIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE, INCLUDING  
4 AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS FROM RURAL AND URBAN AREAS OF THE  
5 STATE AND FROM DIVERSE SOCIOECONOMIC STATUSES AND POLITICAL,  
6 RACIAL, ABILITY, AND CULTURAL GROUPS.

7 (IV) MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD SERVE THREE-YEAR  
8 TERMS; EXCEPT THAT THE TERMS MUST BE STAGGERED SO THAT NO MORE  
9 THAN FIVE MEMBERS' TERMS EXPIRE IN THE SAME YEAR. THE GOVERNOR  
10 SHALL NOT APPOINT A MEMBER FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE  
11 TERMS.

12 (b) (I) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE INITIAL AUTHORITY  
13 BOARD MEMBERS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2026. IN MAKING THE  
14 INITIAL APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INDICATE THE INITIAL  
15 TERM LENGTH OF EACH INITIAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER TO ENSURE  
16 THAT THE TERMS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS  
17 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (II) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE INITIAL  
19 AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS THE INITIAL CHAIR OF THE  
20 AUTHORITY BOARD. THE INITIAL CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY  
21 ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER MATTERS RELATED TO THE INITIAL START UP  
22 OF THE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING STAFFING, LEGAL SERVICES, AND  
23 COORDINATION WITH THE CDOO. ANY CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE  
24 INITIAL CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MUST HAVE AN INITIAL TERM  
25 ENDING ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2027, AND MUST BE REVIEWED BY  
26 THE AUTHORITY BOARD AT ITS INITIAL MEETING.

27 (c) A MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE AUTHORITY BOARD

1 BY:

2 (I) MAJORITY VOTE OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD FOR MISFEASANCE,  
3 MALFEASANCE, WILLFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY, OR OTHER CAUSE AFTER  
4 NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING, UNLESS NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING  
5 ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED IN WRITING BY THE MEMBER AT RISK OF BEING  
6 REMOVED; OR

7 (II) THE GOVERNOR FOR CAUSE.

8 (d) (I) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE GOVERNOR'S INITIAL  
9 APPOINTMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
10 (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE INITIAL CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD AS  
11 DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL SET DATES FOR THE FIRST AND  
12 SECOND MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD. THE AUTHORITY BOARD  
13 SHALL HOLD THE FIRST AND SECOND MEETINGS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER  
14 31, 2026. THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY ELECT A NEW CHAIR AT EITHER ITS  
15 FIRST OR SECOND MEETING. IF THE AUTHORITY BOARD DOES NOT ELECT A  
16 NEW CHAIR, THE INITIAL CHAIR AS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
17 SERVE IN THAT ROLE UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD  
18 IN CALENDAR YEAR 2028.

19 (II) THE AUTHORITY BOARD SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND A  
20 VICE-CHAIR AT ITS FIRST MEETING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, BEGINNING  
21 IN CALENDAR YEAR 2028. THE CHAIR SHALL SCHEDULE THE MEETINGS OF  
22 THE AUTHORITY BOARD.

23 (III) THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY ELECT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS  
24 AS SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND ELECT OR APPOINT OTHER OFFICERS  
25 AS THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY DETERMINE AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR  
26 DUTIES AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

27 (e) MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD SERVE WITHOUT

1 COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE  
2 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, UPON  
3 APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD AFTER PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION  
4 SUPPORTING THE REIMBURSEMENT.

5 (f) MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY  
6 AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AND MAY VOTE USING A  
7 TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE, INCLUDING A CONFERENCE TELEPHONE,  
8 VIDEO CONFERENCE, OR SIMILAR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. A  
9 MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD WHO PARTICIPATES IN AN AUTHORITY  
10 BOARD MEETING USING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE IS CONSIDERED  
11 PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

12 (g) (I) THE AUTHORITY BOARD SHALL ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF  
13 PROCEDURE AND KEEP A RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS AND ACTS.

14 (II) (A) ALL AUTHORITY BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE  
15 PUBLIC AND THE AUTHORITY BOARD SHALL COMPLY WITH THE OPEN  
16 MEETINGS REQUIREMENTS OF A STATE PUBLIC BODY AS SET FORTH IN  
17 SECTION 24-6-402.

18 (B) ALL PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD ARE SUBJECT  
19 TO THE "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE  
20 24.

21 (III) EVERY LEGISLATIVE ACT OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD OF A  
22 GENERAL OR PERMANENT NATURE MUST BE BY RESOLUTION. ALL  
23 RESOLUTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MUST BE RECORDED AND  
24 AUTHENTICATED BY THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, OR  
25 SECRETARY OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD.

26 (h) ANY AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR  
27 ADVISOR OF THE AUTHORITY WHO HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN

1 ANY CONTRACT, GRANT, TRANSACTION, OR PROPOSAL BEFORE THE  
2 AUTHORITY OR ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN AN ENTITY THAT  
3 SUBMITS A PROPOSAL TO THE AUTHORITY SHALL DISCLOSE THEIR INTEREST  
4 TO THE AUTHORITY. THE AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE,  
5 AGENT, OR ADVISOR OF THE AUTHORITY WHO HAS THE DIRECT OR  
6 INDIRECT INTEREST SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION TO APPROVE,  
7 AUTHORIZE, OR FUND THE RELEVANT CONTRACT, GRANT, TRANSACTION,  
8 OR PROPOSAL.

9 (i) AN ACT OF THE AUTHORITY IS VOID UNLESS A MAJORITY OF THE  
10 APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD HAS VOTED IN FAVOR OF  
11 THE ACT.

12 (3) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS THE LEGAL ADVISOR OF AND  
13 COUNSEL TO THE AUTHORITY.

14 (4) EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE EXEMPT FROM THE STATE  
15 PERSONNEL SYSTEM BUT ARE, BY ACCEPTANCE OF EMPLOYMENT, SUBJECT  
16 TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 51 OF TITLE 24. THE AUTHORITY SHALL  
17 PROVIDE FOR THE DEDUCTION OF EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE  
18 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SALARY AND FOR PAYMENT TO THE PUBLIC  
19 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION, CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
20 24-51-201, OF DEDUCTIONS AND ANY OTHER PAYMENTS THAT WOULD BE  
21 DUE FROM A STATE EMPLOYER.

22 (5) THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE BASED ON RACE,  
23 CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, RELIGION, SEX, GENDER,  
24 SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, MARITAL  
25 STATUS, FAMILIAL STATUS, MILITARY STATUS, OR DISABILITY.

26 (6) (a) THE INCOME, REVENUE, AND INTEREST THEREON OF THE  
27 AUTHORITY AND ALL PROPERTY AT ANY TIME OWNED BY THE AUTHORITY

1 ARE EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXATION, REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY  
2 TAXATION, AND ALL OTHER TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS IN THE STATE.  
3 THE PURCHASE AND USE OF PROPERTY BY OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE  
4 AUTHORITY IS EXEMPT FROM SALES AND USE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE  
5 STATE, A COUNTY, A CITY AND COUNTY, A CITY, ANY OTHER POLITICAL  
6 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. THE  
7 AUTHORITY MAY AGREE TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF PROPERTY OR  
8 SALES AND USE TAXES TO THE STATE, A COUNTY, A CITY AND COUNTY, A  
9 CITY, ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR LOCAL  
10 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

11 (b) A GIFT, DONATION, OR CONTRIBUTION TO OR FOR THE USE OF  
12 THE AUTHORITY FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
13 AUTHORITY IS TREATED AS A GIFT TO A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE  
14 STATE MADE EXCLUSIVELY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

15 (7) THE AUTHORITY AND ITS CORPORATE EXISTENCE CONTINUES  
16 UNTIL TERMINATED BY LAW; EXCEPT THAT NO SUCH LAW MAY TAKE  
17 EFFECT SO LONG AS THE AUTHORITY HAS OBLIGATIONS OUTSTANDING,  
18 UNLESS ADEQUATE PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE  
19 OBLIGATIONS. UPON TERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE AUTHORITY,  
20 ALL ITS RIGHTS AND PROPERTIES IN EXCESS OF ITS OBLIGATIONS PASS TO  
21 AND ARE VESTED IN THE STATE.

22 **8-88-302. Colorado disability funding authority - powers and**  
23 **duties.**

24 (1) THE AUTHORITY HAS AND MAY EXERCISE ALL RIGHTS AND  
25 POWERS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO, OR IMPLIED FROM, THE SPECIFIC  
26 POWERS GRANTED IN THIS PART 3, WHICH SPECIFIC POWERS SHALL NOT BE  
27 CONSIDERED AS A LIMITATION UPON ANY POWER NECESSARY OR

1 APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS PART 3.

2 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS GRANTED TO THE AUTHORITY IN THIS  
3 PART 3, THE AUTHORITY HAS THE DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES,  
4 RIGHTS, LIABILITIES, AND DISABILITIES OF A BODY CORPORATE AND  
5 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE AND THE DUTIES AND POWERS TO:

6 (a) HAVE PERPETUAL EXISTENCE AND SUCCESSION;

7 (b) ADOPT, HAVE, AND USE A SEAL AND TO ALTER THE SEAL AT ITS  
8 PLEASURE;

9 (c) SUE AND BE SUED AND OTHERWISE ASSERT OR DEFEND THE  
10 AUTHORITY'S LEGAL INTERESTS;

11 (d) FIX THE TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH MEETINGS MAY BE HELD;

12 (e) MAKE BUSINESS DECISIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART 3;

13 (f) MAKE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND OTHER  
14 INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT IN THE EXERCISE OF THE  
15 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3;

16 (g) PURCHASE, LEASE, LEASE WITH AN OPTION TO PURCHASE,  
17 TRADE, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE, MAINTAIN, HOLD, IMPROVE,  
18 MORTGAGE, ENCUMBER, AND DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL  
19 PROPERTY, WHETHER TANGIBLE OR INTANGIBLE, AND ANY INTEREST,  
20 INCLUDING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WITHOUT RESTRICTION OR  
21 LIMITATION;

22 (h) ACQUIRE OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, SUPPLIES, AND  
23 INSURANCE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3;

24 (i) APPOINT OR CONTRACT WITH AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND  
25 PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS, AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE NECESSARY IN  
26 THE AUTHORITY'S JUDGMENT TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART  
27 3, AND TO FIX THE COMPENSATION AND ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF SUCH

1 AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ADVISERS;

2 (j) DEPOSIT ANY MONEY OF THE AUTHORITY IN ANY BANKING  
3 INSTITUTION OR IN ANY DEPOSITORY AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
4 24-75-603, AND TO APPOINT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING SUCH  
5 DEPOSITS, ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS CUSTODIANS OF THE  
6 AUTHORITY'S MONEY; AND

7 (k) CONTRACT FOR AND TO SEEK AND ACCEPT ANY GIFTS, GRANTS,  
8 OR DONATIONS AND LOANS OF FUNDS, PROPERTY, OR ANY OTHER AID IN  
9 ANY FORM FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, ANY STATE  
10 AGENCY, ANY OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE, OR ANY COMBINATION  
11 THEREOF, AND TO COMPLY, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 3,  
12 WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CONTRACTS OR THE  
13 ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH ITEMS.

14 (2) (a) THE AUTHORITY MAY ACCEPT ONE-TIME AND ANNUAL  
15 DONATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR A LICENSE PLATE IN A RETIRED STYLE  
16 PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-206.5. FOR THE PURPOSE OF MINIMIZING  
17 COMPLIANCE COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR  
18 THE AUTHORITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL COLLECT THE  
19 DONATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 REVENUE SHALL NOT TRANSMIT THE COLLECTED DONATIONS TO THE STATE  
21 TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT TO ANY STATE FUND BUT SHALL INSTEAD REMIT  
22 THE DONATIONS COLLECTED TO THE AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
23 THE PROCESS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2). ONE-TIME  
24 AND ANNUAL DONATIONS COLLECTED AND REMITTED TO THE AUTHORITY  
25 DO NOT CONSTITUTE STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED IN  
26 SECTION 24-77-102 (17), FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF  
27 THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

1 (b) THE AUTHORITY SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNT IN A FINANCIAL  
2 INSTITUTION TO WHICH ALL MONEY COLLECTED FOR THE LICENSE PLATES  
3 IN A RETIRED STYLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-206.5 IS DEPOSITED. THE  
4 AUTHORITY SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO  
5 DEVELOP A PROCESS THAT ENSURES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
6 IS ABLE TO DEPOSIT ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED DIRECTLY INTO THE  
7 ACCOUNT OR OTHERWISE REMIT SUCH DONATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY.

8 (c) THE AUTHORITY MAY USE MONEY IN THE ACCOUNT FOR THE  
9 AUTHORITY'S DIRECT AND INDIRECT EXPENSES IN ADMINISTERING THE  
10 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 3 AND ANY OTHER RELATED WORK THAT IS  
11 COMPLETED TO ADVANCE THE AUTHORITY'S MISSION.

12 **8-88-303. Program to assist individuals with disabilities -**  
13 **assistance to obtain disability benefits.**

14 (1) (a) THE AUTHORITY SHALL INVITE NONPROFIT ENTITIES,  
15 INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-85-102 (5),  
16 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF  
17 SOCIAL SERVICES, AND OTHER STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO SUBMIT  
18 PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAMS TO AID INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN  
19 ACCESSING DISABILITY BENEFITS.

20 (b) TO QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS SECTION, A  
21 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MUST BE BASED IN THE STATE AND:

22 (I) BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD:

23 (A) THAT IS COMPOSED OF PERSONS WITH A DEMONSTRATED  
24 COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF RECIPIENTS WITH DISABILITIES;

25 (B) THAT INCLUDES MEMBERS WHO UNDERSTAND A RANGE OF  
26 DISABILITIES; AND

27 (C) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF WHICH ARE INDIVIDUALS

1 WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH  
2 DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CAREGIVERS TO A FAMILY  
3 MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY; OR

4 (II) HAVE A CONTRACT WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE  
5 CRITERIA IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (c) TO QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS SECTION, A  
7 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
8 SOCIAL SERVICES, OR ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTY AGENCY MUST HAVE A  
9 CONTRACT WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA IN  
10 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (2) (a) (I) THE AUTHORITY SHALL REVIEW THE PROPOSED  
12 PROGRAMS AND, BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2027, SHALL AWARD A CONTRACT  
13 OR GRANT TO ONE OR MORE OF THE ENTITIES THAT BEST MEET THE  
14 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

15 (II) THE TERM OF EACH CONTRACT OR GRANT IS UP TO THREE  
16 YEARS. THE AUTHORITY SHALL INCLUDE EVALUATION CRITERIA IN THE  
17 CONTRACT WITH METRICS THAT MUST BE MET AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR TO  
18 CONTINUE FUNDING.

19 (b) IN AWARDING A CONTRACT OR GRANT, THE AUTHORITY SHALL  
20 CONSIDER WHETHER THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES:

21 (I) A SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A  
22 DISABILITY IS REASONABLY ABLE TO NAVIGATE THE APPLICATION PROCESS  
23 TO OBTAIN DISABILITY BENEFITS, HEALTH CARE, AND EMPLOYMENT;

24 (II) A SYSTEM FOR PRIORITIZING THE NEED OF APPLICANTS BASED  
25 UPON THE EVALUATIONS;

26 (III) A PLAN FOR ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN  
27 NAVIGATING THE PROCESSES OF OBTAINING AND RETAINING DISABILITY

1 BENEFITS, HEALTH CARE, AND EMPLOYMENT;

2 (IV) A PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
3 STATE AGENCIES, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES,  
4 HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS, THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY  
5 ADMINISTRATION, AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY;

6 (V) A PLAN FOR ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO  
7 APPLY FOR OPEN POSITIONS AND A PLAN FOR RETAINING EMPLOYEES WITH  
8 DISABILITIES;

9 (VI) REASONABLE STANDARDS FOR ACCOUNTING CONTROL OF  
10 EXPENDITURES; AND

11 (VII) METRICS TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAM'S QUALITY AND  
12 COST-EFFECTIVENESS.

13 (c) THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AN  
14 APPLICANT BASED ON THE APPLICANT'S ADVOCACY CONCERNING  
15 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

16 (d) TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL  
17 ENSURE, THROUGH ONE OR MORE CONTRACTS OR GRANTS PURSUANT TO  
18 THIS SECTION, THAT INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ARE SERVED  
19 STATEWIDE.

20 (3) AN ENTITY AWARDED A CONTRACT OR GRANT UNDER THIS  
21 SECTION SHALL MAKE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES TO THE  
22 AUTHORITY. THE AUTHORITY SHALL INCLUDE IN THE CONTRACT OR GRANT  
23 A METHOD AND FORMAT FOR MAKING THE REPORTS.

24 (4) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES TO ENSURE MONEY  
25 RECEIVED FROM A CONTRACT OR GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS  
26 USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

27 **8-88-304. Program to investigate, fund, and pilot projects or**

1 **programs to benefit individuals with disabilities.**

2 (1) WHEN ADEQUATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, THE AUTHORITY  
3 SHALL ACCEPT AND REVIEW PROPOSALS TO FUND PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS,  
4 OR BOTH, THAT STUDY OR PILOT NEW AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS THAT WILL  
5 LEAD TO AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE OR INCREASED INDEPENDENCE  
6 FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. THE AUTHORITY MAY ACCEPT  
7 PROPOSALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND MAY MAKE GRANTS AT THE  
8 AUTHORITY'S REGULAR MEETINGS ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2027.

9 (2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A  
10 PROJECT OR PROGRAM MUST:

11 (a) DEMONSTRATE A CAPABILITY TO BE SELF-SUSTAINING OR  
12 OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM INDEPENDENT FUNDING;  
13 AND

14 (b) (I) HAVE A GOVERNING BODY, A BOARD, OR OWNERSHIP THAT  
15 IS COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO  
16 IMPROVING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, THE MAJORITY  
17 OF WHOM ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH  
18 IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO  
19 ARE CAREGIVERS TO A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY;

20 (II) FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THE GOVERNANCE  
21 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, HAVE A GRANT  
22 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY THAT IS  
23 RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OVERSIGHT OF THE GRANT AND THAT IS COMPRISED  
24 OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE  
25 LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE  
26 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY  
27 MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CAREGIVERS TO

1 A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY; OR

2 (III) IN THE CASE OF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, HAVE AN OWNER  
3 WHO:

4 (A) IS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY, AN INDIVIDUAL WITH AN  
5 IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS  
6 A CAREGIVER TO A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY, OR AN  
7 INDIVIDUAL WITH A PROPOSAL THAT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A POSITIVE  
8 IMPACT IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY; AND

9 (B) HAS DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES  
10 OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

11 (3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES TO ENSURE MONEY  
12 RECEIVED FROM A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS USED FOR THE  
13 PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

14 **8-88-305. Disabled parking education program.**

15 (1) WHEN ADEQUATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, BEGINNING ON JULY  
16 1, 2027, THE AUTHORITY MAY:

17 (a) MAKE GRANTS TO SUPPORT, OR DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, OR  
18 DELIVER, EDUCATION PROGRAMS CONCERNING:

19 (I) ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR RESERVED PARKING THAT IS  
20 AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY;

21 (II) APPROPRIATE USE OF THE RESERVED PARKING THAT IS  
22 AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY;

23 (III) THE LEGAL STANDARDS AND VIOLATIONS CONTAINED IN  
24 SECTIONS 42-3-204 AND 42-4-1208; AND

25 (IV) THE ADVANTAGES OF CREATING A VOLUNTEER ENFORCEMENT  
26 PROGRAM FOR RESERVED PARKING THAT IS AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL  
27 WITH A DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY; AND

1 (b) CREATE OR MAKE AVAILABLE A TRAINING PROGRAM TO ASSIST  
2 PROFESSIONALS IN UNDERSTANDING THE STANDARDS THAT NEED TO BE  
3 MET TO OBTAIN AN IDENTIFYING LICENSE PLATE OR PLACARD FOR THE USE  
4 OF RESERVED PARKING THAT IS AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A  
5 DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY.

6 (2) EDUCATION PROGRAMS FUNDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
7 ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE EDUCATION TO:

8 (a) PEACE OFFICERS;

9 (b) LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

10 (c) ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE PARKING;

11 (d) ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE PRIVATE PARKING ENFORCEMENT,  
12 INCLUDING TOW OPERATORS;

13 (e) MEDICAL PROVIDERS;

14 (f) DRIVERS; AND

15 (g) INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

16 (3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES TO ENSURE MONEY  
17 RECEIVED FROM A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS USED FOR THE  
18 PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

19 **8-88-306. Annual performance and financial audit - report.**

20 (1) (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027, AND ON OR BEFORE  
21 EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE AND  
22 SUBMIT A FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET  
23 COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT  
24 MUST INCLUDE:

25 (I) HOW MUCH MONEY WAS COLLECTED IN DONATIONS AND  
26 DEPOSITED IN THE AUTHORITY'S ACCOUNT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION  
27 8-88-302 (2)(a) IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR;

1           (II) A DESCRIPTION OF EVERY EXPENDITURE MADE BY THE  
2 AUTHORITY IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING GRANT OR  
3 CONTRACT EXPENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, SUCH AS STAFF  
4 SALARIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES;

5           (III) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT OR CONTRACT AWARDS MADE  
6 IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPES OF  
7 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FUNDED BY THOSE GRANT OR CONTRACT  
8 AWARDS;

9           (IV) THE TOTAL NUMBER AND VALUE OF GRANTS OR CONTRACTS  
10 THAT REMAIN OPEN FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR;  
11 AND

12           (V) THE TOTAL OF ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES IN THE CURRENT  
13 FISCAL YEAR.

14           (b) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PRESENT THE DECEMBER 2027 AND  
15 DECEMBER 2028 ANNUAL REPORTS IN PERSON AT A MEETING OF THE JOINT  
16 BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BEGINNING WITH THE  
17 DECEMBER 2029 ANNUAL REPORT AND FOR EACH ANNUAL DECEMBER  
18 REPORT THEREAFTER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT  
19 BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO PRESENT THE REPORT IN PERSON.

20           (2) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED BY  
21 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL, UPON THE  
22 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
23 AUDIT COMMITTEE CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-101, CONDUCT OR  
24 CAUSE TO BE CONDUCTED POSTAUDITS OF THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO  
25 SECTION 2-3-103 (1)(b).

26           **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**  
27 (30)(a)(IX) as follows:

1           **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
2           **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
3           **declaration - repeal.**

4           (30) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
5           for repeal on September 1, 2029:

6           (IX) ~~The assistance program for disability benefits under article~~  
7           ~~88 of title 8;~~

8           **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-77-102, **amend**  
9           (11)(b), (11)(c)(IX), (15)(b)(XXI), and (15)(b)(XXII); and **add** (11)(d)  
10          and (15)(b)(XXIII) as follows:

11          **24-77-102. Definitions.**

12          As used in this article 77, unless the context otherwise requires:

13          (11) "Property sale" means:

14          (b) Any contract resulting in the payment of pecuniary  
15          compensation to the state for permitting another to exploit, use, or market  
16          nonrenewable natural resources which are located on real property owned  
17          by the state and which are subject to depletion with use; ~~or~~

18          (c) For state fiscal years commencing on or after July 1, 2024, a  
19          transfer of rights in tangible or intangible property, excluding leasehold  
20          interests, in which or to which the state has rights protected by law from  
21          the state to any party for consideration. Such a transfer of rights includes:

22          (IX) The sale of wine for promotional purposes by the Colorado  
23          wine industry development board, created in article 29.5 of title 35; OR

24          (d) FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JULY 1,  
25          2025, SALES OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS  
26          PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-88-105;

27          (15) (b) "Special purpose authority" includes, but is not limited to:

1 (XXI) The equal justice authority created in section 13-5.7-202;  
2 and

3 (XXII) The building urgent infrastructure and leveraging dollars  
4 authority created in section 24-117-104 (1); AND

5 (XXIII) THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY  
6 CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301.

7 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-226, **add** (3)  
8 as follows:

9 **42-1-226. Disabled parking education and enforcement fund**  
10 **- created - transfer - repeal.**

11 (3) (a) ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER  
12 THE UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF THE DISABLED  
13 PARKING EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND TO GENERAL FUND.

14 (b) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

15 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-227, **add** (2)  
16 as follows:

17 **42-1-227. Disabled parking education program - repeal.**

18 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

19 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-206.5, **amend**  
20 (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(b), and (2.5); and **add** (1)(c) as follows:

21 **42-3-206.5. Issuance of plates in a retired style authorized -**  
22 **additional fee - rules - repeal.**

23 (1) (a) Beginning January 1, 2023, or when the department is able  
24 to issue THE license plates, ~~pursuant to section 8-88-202 (6)(i), whichever~~  
25 ~~is earlier~~, the department shall issue license plates in previously retired  
26 styles for motorcycles, passenger cars, trucks, or noncommercial or  
27 recreational motor vehicles that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds

1 empty weight that had:

2 (b) (I) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, the amount of the  
3 taxes and fees for license plates in the previously retired style is the same  
4 as the amount of the taxes and fees specified for regular motor vehicle  
5 plates plus an annual fee of twenty-five dollars, which shall be credited  
6 to the disability support fund created in ~~section 8-88-205~~ SECTION  
7 8-88-104.

8 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1,  
9 2026.

10 (c) ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES  
11 AND FEES FOR LICENSE PLATES IN THE PREVIOUSLY RETIRED STYLE IS THE  
12 SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES SPECIFIED FOR REGULAR  
13 MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT  
14 THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FEES AND DONATIONS:

15 (I) A ONE-TIME DONATION OF TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY  
16 CENTS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE, WHICH  
17 MUST BE REMITTED TO THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY  
18 CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301;

19 (II) A ONE-TIME FEE OF TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS FOR  
20 ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE, WHICH MUST BE  
21 TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO  
22 THE DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-104;

23 (III) AN ANNUAL RENEWAL DONATION OF TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS  
24 AND FIFTY CENTS, WHICH MUST BE REMITTED TO THE COLORADO  
25 DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301; AND

26 (IV) AN ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE OF TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY  
27 CENTS, WHICH MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO

1 SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND CREATED IN  
2 SECTION 8-88-104;

3 (2.5) ~~The Colorado disability funding committee is responsible for~~  
4 ~~the costs of designing the previously retired license plate styles and shall~~  
5 ~~pay such costs before the license plates are produced.~~ The design for the  
6 previously retired license plate styles ~~shall~~ MUST conform with standards  
7 established by the department. After January 1, 2028, the department may  
8 stop producing plates in a previously retired style if the department  
9 determines that demand for that style, including willingness to pay an  
10 additional fee that fully defrays the costs of producing the license plates  
11 in the style, is not sufficiently high to justify production of the license  
12 plates.

13 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-211, **amend**  
14 (3)(a) as follows:

15 **42-3-211. Issuance of personalized plates authorized.**

16 (3) (a) Personalized license plates must be the same color and  
17 design as regular motor vehicle license plates, must consist of any  
18 combination of numbers or letters not exceeding seven positions and not  
19 less than two positions, except as otherwise provided in ~~section 8-88-206~~  
20 ~~(4)~~ SECTION 8-88-105 (4), and must not conflict with existing passenger,  
21 commercial, trailer, motorcycle, or other special license plates series;  
22 except that personalized license plates bearing the words "street rod" ~~shall~~  
23 MUST be of a design determined by the executive director of the  
24 department, which design ~~shall~~ MUST be different from those used by the  
25 state for regular motor vehicle license plates.

26 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1208, **repeal**  
27 (6)(k) as follows:

1           **42-4-1208. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities -**  
2           **applicability - rules - standards - legislative declaration - definitions.**

3           (6) **Enforcement of reserved parking.**

4           (k) ~~The state or local authority issuing a citation under this~~  
5 ~~section, or under any local ordinance defining a substantially equivalent~~  
6 ~~offense, shall transfer one-half of the fine to the state treasurer, who shall~~  
7 ~~credit the fine to the disabled parking education and enforcement fund~~  
8 ~~created in section 42-1-226.~~

9           < *The following alternative sections 18, 19, and 20 reflect the*  
10 *option to allow the fund to be used for centers for independent living.* >

11           **SECTION 18. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

12           (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, to implement this  
13 act, the cash funds appropriation from the disabled parking education and  
14 enforcement fund created in section 42-1-226 (1), C.R.S., made in the  
15 general appropriations act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
16 department of labor and employment for use by the Colorado disability  
17 opportunity office for operating expenses is decreased by \$100,000.

18           (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, to  
19 implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
20 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
21 department of labor and employment for use by the division of vocational  
22 rehabilitation and independent living services for independent living  
23 services is decreased by \$4,108,906.

24           (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
25 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27  
26 state fiscal year if:

27           (a) The amount of the cash funds appropriation from the disabled

1 parking education and enforcement fund created in section 42-1-226 (1),  
2 C.R.S., made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
3 fiscal year to the department of labor and employment for the Colorado  
4 disability opportunity office for operating expenses is less than the  
5 amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

6 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
7 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of labor  
8 and employment for the Colorado disability opportunity office for  
9 operating expenses.

10 (4) Subsection (2) of this section does not require a reduction of  
11 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27  
12 state fiscal year if:

13 (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the  
14 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
15 department of labor and employment for the division of vocational  
16 rehabilitation and independent living services for independent living  
17 services is less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection  
18 (2) of this section; or

19 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
20 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of labor  
21 and employment for the division of vocational rehabilitation and  
22 independent living services for independent living services.

23 **SECTION 19. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal  
24 year, \$4,108,906 is appropriated to the department of labor and  
25 employment for use by the division of vocational rehabilitation and  
26 independent living services. This appropriation is from the the disability  
27 support fund created in section 8-88-104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this

1 act, the division may use this appropriation for independent living  
2 services.

3 (2) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$27,000 is appropriated to  
4 the department of revenue for use by the division of motor vehicles. This  
5 appropriation is from the disability support fund created in section  
6 8-88-104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this  
7 appropriation for DRIVES maintenance and support.

8 **SECTION 20. Effective date.** (1) Except as otherwise provided  
9 in this section, this act takes effect upon passage.

10 (2) Section 18 of this act takes effect only if the annual general  
11 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which  
12 case section 18 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the  
13 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever  
14 is later.

15 (3) Section 8-88-101 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, repealed in  
16 section 1 of this act, and section 24-34-104, Colorado Revised Statutes,  
17 amended in section 12 of this act, take effect on July 1, 2027.

18 <{*The following alternative sections 18, 19, 20, and 21 reflect the*  
19 *option to instead allow the fund to be used for the Colorado school for*  
20 *the deaf and the blind capital construction projects and, in SFY26-27,*  
21 *for vocational rehabilitation services.*>

22 **SECTION 18. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

23 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this  
24 act, the cash funds appropriation from the disabled parking education and  
25 enforcement fund created in section 42-1-226 (1), C.R.S., made in the  
26 general appropriations act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
27 department of labor and employment for use by the Colorado disability

1 opportunity office for operating expenses is decreased by \$100,000.

2 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
3 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27  
4 state fiscal year if:

5 (a) The amount of the cash funds appropriation from the disabled  
6 parking education and enforcement fund created in section 42-1-226 (1),  
7 C.R.S., made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
8 fiscal year to the department of labor and employment for the Colorado  
9 disability opportunity office for operating expenses is less than the  
10 amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

11 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
12 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of labor  
13 and employment for the Colorado disability opportunity office for  
14 operating expenses.

15 **SECTION 19. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal  
16 year, \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the department of labor and  
17 employment for use by the division of vocational rehabilitation and  
18 independent living services. This appropriation is from the disability  
19 support fund created in section 8-88-104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this  
20 act, the division may use this appropriation for vocational rehabilitation  
21 services.

22 (2) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$27,000 is appropriated to  
23 the department of revenue for use by the division of motor vehicles. This  
24 appropriation is from the disability support fund created in section  
25 8-88-104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this  
26 appropriation for DRIVES maintenance and support.

27 **SECTION 20. Capital construction appropriation.** (1) For the

1 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$13,778,673 is appropriated to the department  
2 of education for use by the school for the deaf and the blind. This  
3 appropriation is from the disability support fund created in section  
4 8-88-104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the school for the deaf and  
5 the blind may use this appropriation for capital construction related to the  
6 west hall renovation and addition. Any money appropriated in this section  
7 not expended prior to July 1, 2027 is further appropriated to the  
8 department of education for the 2027-28 and 2028-29 state fiscal years  
9 for the same purpose.

10 **SECTION 21. Effective date.** (1) Except as otherwise provided  
11 in this section, this act takes effect upon passage.

12 (2) This act takes effect upon passage; except that section 18 of  
13 this act takes effect only if the annual general appropriation act for the  
14 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which case section 18 takes  
15 effect upon the effective date of this act or of the annual general  
16 appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever is later.

17 (3) Section 8-88-101 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, repealed in  
18 section 1 of this act, and section 24-34-104, Colorado Revised Statutes,  
19 amended in section 12 of this act, take effect on July 1, 2027.

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

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME**  
102 **PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103 **REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

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**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill repeals the requirement for the general assembly to appropriate money in the 2026-27 state fiscal year for the out-of-school time program grant program (grant program). The bill allows the general assembly to appropriate money for the grant program at its discretion.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-105.5-104, **amend**  
3 (3)(c)(I) introductory portion as follows:

4           **22-105.5-104. Out-of-school time program grant program -**  
5 **created - use of grants - funding - rules - repeal.**

6           (3) (c) (I) ~~For the 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 state fiscal~~  
7 ~~years, the general assembly shall appropriate three million five hundred~~  
8 ~~thousand dollars in each state fiscal year from the general fund to the~~  
9 ~~department for purposes of this section. Any unexpended money~~  
10 ~~remaining at the end of the 2024-25 or 2025-26 state fiscal year from an~~  
11 ~~appropriation made pursuant to this subsection (3)(c)(I)~~ SECTION:

12           **SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

13 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this  
14 act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual general  
15 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of  
16 education for use by student pathways for H.B. 24-1331 out-of-school  
17 time program grant program is decreased by \$1,750,000.

18           (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
19 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27  
20 state fiscal year if:

21           (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the  
22 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
23 department of education for use by student pathways for H.B. 24-1331  
24 out-of-school time program grant program is less than the amount of the  
25 adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

26           (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state

1 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of  
2 education for use by student pathways for H.B. 24-1331 out-of-school  
3 time program grant program.

4 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;  
5 except that section 2 of this act takes effect only if the annual general  
6 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which  
7 case section 2 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or the annual  
8 general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever is later.

9 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
12 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
13 institutions.



## Additional Background – Bill Options

# Education

**JBC Staff:** Amanda Bickel, (303-866-4960)

**Date:** March 23, 2026

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## Local Accountability System Grant Program

### Recommendation

Consistent with staff's prior recommendation, as a budget balancing measure, staff recommends that the JBC remove all funding for the Local Accountability Grant Program (\$506,690 General Fund savings for FY 2026-27 and ongoing). If the Committee proceeds with this, based on additional feedback from the Department, staff recommends repealing entire Local Accountability System provisions in statute effective FY 2026-27 and not solely the grant program. The statutory provisions are attached.

### Department Alternative

In a comeback, the Department (State Board of Education comeback) has requested that the JBC take a reduction of \$100,000 General Fund for FY 2026-27 and repeal the program July 1, 2027 instead, when the \$506,690 savings would be realized. This would enable the program to run its course for the second cohort of grantees.

The Department's comeback notes:

- Although small in scale, the program's reach is bigger than direct grantees. The current cohort is eight grantees involving approximately 21 districts and nine schools.
- The pilots contributed to H.B. 25-1278 changes to the state's accountability system and provide insight into how accountability measures function.
- Allowing the program to continue through the completion of the work ensures the State can capture lessons learned.

### Additional Information

- Based on the program evaluation referenced in the original staff recommendation, staff's understanding was that the grant program served as a supplement to statewide accountability metrics and did not replace

them. While this is true, Department staff state that the entities participating in the program have also received modifications from the State Board of Education related to some of their state accountability metrics, so the information from local accountability measures is not just a supplement to the statewide information. The program's annual report states that three grantees used the *alternative improvement planning format* flexibility provided by the grant, while most provided supplemental performance reports *that are available on the Department's website*.

- The Department also states that it has ONLY been providing this flexibility to programs that are receiving the Local Accountability System grant. *This restriction is not clear from the statute* but has been the State Board of Education's practice. This has served as a mechanism for limiting the scale of the program. For this reason, the Department would prefer a full repeal of the program to just removing the grant program.
- H.B. 25-1278 (Education Accountability System) made changes to the existing accountability system and included provisions for future work, including development of an accountability dashboard in FY 2025-26. The Department indicates that some of the entities involved in the local accountability grant program are engaged in this work.

Appendix A includes the original staff write-up and a copy of the relevant statutory provisions that would be repealed under the revised staff recommendation.

# Appendix A: R7 Local Accountability Grant Program Reduction [legislation recommended]

## Request

As a budget balancing measure, the Department request a reduction of \$100,000 to the Local Accountability System Grant Program. The request includes conflicting information on whether the intent is an ongoing or one-time reduction, but the Department has confirmed the intent is for an ongoing reduction. The request reduces the appropriation to \$399,300 General Fund annually.

## Recommendation

Staff recommends repealing this program at the end of FY 2025-26.

The recommendation includes de-funding the program in the Long Bill and then running separate legislation to repeal. The total reduction is \$506,690 General Fund and 0.4 FTE, including a reduction of \$499,300 General Fund and 0.4 FTE the program line item with the balance of the reduction in the Grants Administration line item in the Management and Administration section.

## Analysis

**Key Considerations:** This program was not developed as an alternative to the state’s accountability system but rather supports local education entities that wish to supplement state and federal measures. Based on the information below, staff believes this was a useful experiment but that the State should phase the program out, given the tight budget situation.

- Based on program evaluations from the first cohort of program participants, staff understands that this program has provided useful opportunities for district/school self-reflection and ownership of accountability data. However, as indicated in the March 2025 program report, there are challenges related to implementing and maintaining local data infrastructure and responding to staff turnover; it is not clear the measures developed locally would be useful to other districts; and it may be difficult to scale up alternative improvement plans and framework report flexibility statewide.
- The size of cohort 2 is smaller than cohort 1 (8 grantees instead of 11), and 4 of the grantees are continuation grantees from cohort 1. Thus, statewide enthusiasm for this project does not appear to be growing.
- FY 2026-27 is the third and final year of cohort 2’s work. H.B. 25-1278 (Education Accountability System) provides for ongoing stakeholder work on accountability measures. Given this, there may be some statewide value in allowing the existing grantees to wrap up their local accountability system work. *If the Committee wished to continue some funding in FY 2026-27 to allow for wrap-up*, staff would recommend \$200,000 (statute specifies that grantees should receive at least \$25,000 per year), and the program could then repeal at the end of FY 2026-27.
- The appropriation for the program was previously eliminated in FY 2020-21 based on the state’s budget shortfall and then brought back.

**Program Background:** SB 19-204 established the Local Accountability System Grant Program to provide funding to local education agencies for piloting and enhancing local accountability systems that complement the state’s existing accountability framework. The program also serves as a means for the state to learn from innovative practices implemented at the local level. Additionally, the legislation grants roll-forward authority, allowing unspent funds to be carried into the following fiscal year for continued use.

Last year, the state legislature passed H.B. 25-1278 (Education Accountability) which made improvements to the state’s education accountability system based upon the recommendations of the HB 23-1241 Task Force. This introduced changes to measures in the performance frameworks, including revising the post-secondary and workforce readiness indicator and other adjustments in the way students are counted. Staff understands that the Local Accountability System Grant Program work contributed to the H.B. 25-1278 discussions. Staff anticipates that there will be ongoing work on the state’s accountability system but probably not on the scale of H.B. 25-1278 in the near term.

The department identified savings for the Local Accountability System Grant Program due to lower than expected need from the second cohort of grantees, in conjunction with roll forward authority. Budget reductions were applied in FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26, and the Department indicated it could meet the demand for the program at a lower funding level. However, it did not request phase-out.

The program’s 2025 report is located here:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/docs/accountability/LocalAccountabilitySystemsGrantAnnualReport2025.pdf>

## Local Accountability Grant Program Statute

### 22-11-701. Legislative declaration.

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**(1)** The general assembly finds that:

**(a)** The statewide accountability system relies substantially on large-scale, state-administered assessment results to measure public school and school district performance. Using these results provides a limited picture of the successes of and challenges faced by public schools and school districts and may not fully reflect the priorities and values of local communities.

**(b)** Several public schools and school districts in Colorado and in other states have begun experimenting with accountability structures that measure a broader range of student competencies and system effectiveness, which provides an opportunity for the state to learn from different approaches to measuring public school and school district performance;

**(c)** Public schools and school districts in Colorado have also begun experimenting with additional measures of college and career readiness; and

**(d)** A broader-based accountability system is consistent with the vision and framework adopted by the state education leadership council, created by executive order B 2017 001, and may provide the information necessary to move toward the council’s goals concerning student competencies and learning environment characteristics. Specifically, the council’s report recommends the following with regard to accountability:

**(I)** Continuous evaluation of state-level accountability and assessment policies, taking into consideration the viewpoints of multiple stakeholders;

**(II)** Support for ongoing research and evaluation of state assessment systems;

**(III)** Allowance for the experimentation necessary to effectively eliminate performance gaps, give local value to accountability, and drive meaningful, continuous improvement efforts; and

**(IV)** Definition and inclusion of locally important measures, such as engagement, employment, and higher education attainment outcomes, and incorporation of these measures into accountability policies.

**(2)** The general assembly finds, therefore, that it is in the best interests of the state to strengthen the accountability system for public schools and school districts by encouraging and supporting the development of local accountability systems that may inform the continuous improvement of the state’s public school accountability system.

## 22-11-702. Definitions.

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As used in this part 7, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Accountability system partner" means a public or private institution of higher education, or a private nonprofit entity, that works with local education providers to implement education policy initiatives and that has demonstrated effectiveness in providing support to local education providers that is relevant to the support the institution or entity provides in the partnership, which may include support in designing or evaluating measures of student success or system effectiveness.
- (2) "Grant program" means the local accountability system grant program established in section 22-11-703.
- (3) "Local accountability system" means a local accountability system established by a local education provider or group of local education providers to measure the performance of public schools and school districts in achieving student success and system effectiveness.
- (4) "Local education provider" means a school district, a board of cooperative services that operates a school, a district charter school, or an institute charter school. If a group of local education providers works together to establish a local accountability system, the group is referred to as a "local education provider", but the requirements specified in this part 7 apply to each local education provider that participates in the group.

## 22-11-703. Local accountability system - grant program established.

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- (1) There is established in the department the local accountability system grant program. A local education provider or group of local education providers may establish and seek funding through the grant program to support a local accountability system that supplements the state accountability system. A district charter school may choose, but is not required, to participate with the authorizing school district in an application pursuant to this section. In determining student success, a local accountability system may supplement the statewide performance indicators by using additional measures of achievement of the statewide performance indicators and by using additional indicators of student success. Additional indicators may include nonacademic student outcomes, which may reflect changes in student engagement, attitudes, and mindsets. A local accountability system is supplemental to the state accountability system and may be designed to:
  - (a) Fairly and accurately evaluate student success using multiple measures to develop a more comprehensive understanding of each student's success including additional performance indicators or measures, which may include nonacademic student outcomes such as student engagement, attitudes, and dispositions toward learning;
  - (b) Evaluate the capacity of the public school systems operated by the local education provider to support student success; and
  - (c) Use the results obtained from measuring student success and system support for student success as part of a cycle of continuous improvement.
- (2) A local education provider that chooses to establish a local accountability system may apply to the department to receive grant money through the program to use in developing and implementing the local accountability system. The local education provider may work with one or more accountability system partners to:
  - (a) Establish and implement the local accountability system;
  - (b) Identify and develop appropriate measures for the local accountability system;
  - (c) Evaluate and provide evidence of the quality of the local accountability system measures;
  - (d) Design alternative templates and tools for reporting data concerning performance;
  - (e) Analyze data; and
  - (f) Assist with stakeholder communications.
- (3) To participate in the grant program, a local education provider shall submit to the department an application that includes:
  - (a) The goals of the local accountability system that the local education provider plans to implement or is implementing;
  - (b) The name of any accountability system partner that the local education provider intends to work with or is working with in designing and implementing the local accountability system;
  - (c) If a group of local education providers is submitting the application, identification of each of the local education providers that has voluntarily chosen to participate in the application;

**(d)** A description of the individuals and entities within the local education provider and within the local education provider's community, including families, that the local education provider is working with to design and implement the local accountability system;

**(e)** The local education provider's expected timeline for designing and implementing the local accountability system;

**(f)** A statement concerning whether the local accountability system will include a supplemental report of public school and school district performance, as described in section 22-11-704 (1), as a supplement to the school and school district performance reports described in section 22-11-503; and

**(g)** A statement concerning whether the local accountability system will include using an alternative format, as described in section 22-11-704 (2), for the types of plans that the local education provider, and the public schools operated by the local education provider, are required to implement and how the local education provider expects to share key planning elements, including priority performance challenges, root causes, and major improvement strategies, with the department for statewide public reporting on improvement planning efforts.

**(4)**

**(a)** The department shall review each application received to ensure that it includes the items specified in subsection (3) of this section. The department shall review the services proposed to be provided by each accountability system partner and determine:

**(I)** Whether the accountability system partner has a demonstrated history of providing effective support to local education providers; and

**(II)** If the accountability system partner is developing or evaluating local accountability system measures, whether it has expertise in measurement.

**(b)** If the department determines that an application is not complete or that a named accountability system partner does not meet the minimum requirements specified in subsection (4)(a) of this section, or if the department identifies an opportunity for additional partnerships among the grant applicants, the department shall notify the applying local education provider and allow the local education provider to resubmit the application.

**(5)**

**(a)** Based on the review of the applications, the department shall recommend to the state board the applicants that may receive grants through the program and the amount of each grant. Taking into consideration the department's recommendations, and subject to available appropriations, the state board shall select the local education providers that receive grants through the program and the amount of each grant awarded.

**(b)**

**(I)** The amount of a grant awarded pursuant to this section must be at least twenty-five thousand dollars per budget year but must not exceed fifty thousand dollars per budget year for a grant awarded to a single local education provider and must not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars per budget year for a grant awarded to a group of local education providers. The department shall distribute the amount of each grant over three budget years.

**(II)** Repealed.

**(c)** If the number of applications exceeds the amount appropriated for the grant program pursuant to subsection (6) of this section, the department in making recommendations and the state board in selecting recipients shall:

**(I)** Ensure that at least one recipient is a local education provider or group of local education providers that are rural school districts, as defined in section 22-7-1211, boards of cooperative services that consist of rural school districts, or charter schools that are located within rural school districts;

**(II)** Prioritize applicants that demonstrate a previous commitment of staff and resources toward development of a local accountability system;

**(III)** Recommend and select the grant recipients so as to distribute funding to a broad scope of projects located throughout the state; and

**(IV)** When appropriate, encourage applicants to work together toward shared goals.

**(6)** The general assembly may annually appropriate money to the department to implement the grant program, including money for grants and for the direct administrative costs incurred by the department. Any unexpended and unencumbered money from an appropriation made for the purposes of this section remains available for expenditure by the department for the purposes of this section in the following fiscal year without further appropriation. In addition, the department may accept gifts, grants, or donations from private or public sources for the purposes of this section; except that the department may not accept a gift, grant, or donation that is subject to conditions that are inconsistent with this section or any other law of the state. This section does not require the department to solicit money for implementation of this section.

## 22-11-704. Local accountability systems - supplemental performance reports - alternatively formatted plans.

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**(1)**

**(a)** A local education provider that chooses to implement a local accountability system may submit to the department a supplemental performance report for the local education provider and for each public school operated by the local education provider. A district charter school is not required to participate in the authorizing school district's supplemental accountability system or in related reporting unless the charter school chooses to participate with the authorizing school district in a grant application pursuant to section 22-11-703. The supplemental performance report supplements the information that is submitted by the local education provider and included on the performance reports described in section 22-11-503. The supplemental performance report may include information concerning achievement of:

**(I)** The additional measures adopted by the local education provider through the local accountability system to determine achievement of the statewide performance indicators; and

**(II)** The additional local performance indicators of student success, including system support for student success measured by the local education provider through the local accountability system.

**(b)** The information provided in a supplemental performance report does not affect the accreditation rating assigned to a school district pursuant to section 22-11-208 or the type of plan that a school is required to adopt pursuant to section 22-11-210.

**(c)** The department shall publish the supplemental performance reports submitted by a local education provider pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this section on the data portal and provide public access to the supplemental performance reports that is adjacent to the public school and school district performance reports described in section 22-11-503.

**(2)**

**(a)** A local education provider that chooses to implement a local accountability system may provide to the department, as an alternative to the plan format provided by the department, a different format for the type of plan that is associated with the local education provider's accreditation rating pursuant to section 22-11-208, if the local education provider is a school district, or the type of plan that the local education provider is required to implement pursuant to section 22-11-210, if the local education provider is a charter school. A plan provided in an alternative format must take into account the data collected through the local accountability system and any associated improvement efforts that the local education provider implements. A plan provided in an alternative format must meet the state and federal reporting requirements, as identified by the department, that apply to the plan types implemented pursuant to this article 11. If a local education provider uses an alternative format, a public school operated by the local education provider may also use an alternative format for the type of plan that the public school is required to implement, which format is compatible with that used by the local education provider.

**(b)** A local education provider that uses an alternative plan format shall submit the plan in accordance with the deadlines established by the state board for performance, improvement, priority improvement, and turnaround plans, including submitting the plan on a biennial basis for a local education provider that is a school district and accredited or accredited with distinction or a local education provider that is a charter school and required to implement a performance plan.

**(c)** The department shall publish a local education provider's alternatively formatted plan on the data portal and provide public access to the plan.

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**BILL TOPIC:** Repeal Local Accountability System Grant Program

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM**  
102 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

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**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill repeals the local accountability system grant program on July 1, 2027.

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1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 22-11-703.

2           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-702, **repeal** (2)

3 as follows:

4           **22-11-702. Definitions.**

5           As used in this part 7, unless the context otherwise requires:

6           (2) ~~"Grant program" means the local accountability system grant~~  
7 ~~program established in section 22-11-703.~~

8           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-704, **amend**

9 (1)(a) introductory portion as follows:

10           **22-11-704. Local accountability systems - supplemental**  
11 **performance reports - alternatively formatted plans.**

12           (1) (a) A local education provider that chooses to implement a  
13 local accountability system may submit to the department a supplemental  
14 performance report for the local education provider and for each public  
15 school operated by the local education provider. ~~A district charter school~~  
16 ~~is not required to participate in the authorizing school district's~~  
17 ~~supplemental accountability system or in related reporting unless the~~  
18 ~~charter school chooses to participate with the authorizing school district~~  
19 ~~in a grant application pursuant to section 22-11-703.~~ The supplemental  
20 performance report supplements the information that is submitted by the  
21 local education provider and included on the performance reports  
22 described in section 22-11-503. The supplemental performance report  
23 may include information concerning achievement of:

24           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-705, **amend**

25 (2) introductory portion and (2)(a); and **repeal** (5) and (6) as follows:

26           **22-11-705. Local accountability systems - report.**

27           (2) On or before January 15, 2021, and on or before January 15  
28 each year thereafter, the department shall prepare and submit to the state

1 board and the education committees of the house of representatives and  
2 the senate, or any successor committees, a report concerning the  
3 implementation of local accountability systems. ~~including a report of the~~  
4 ~~implementation of the grant program.~~ The report must include, but need  
5 not be limited to:

6 (a) Identification of the local education providers that are  
7 implementing local accountability systems; ~~including identification of~~  
8 ~~those that receive grants through the grant program and the amount of~~  
9 ~~each grant awarded;~~

10 (5) (a) (I) ~~In the third year of the grant program, the department~~  
11 ~~shall contract with an external evaluator, which may be a state institution~~  
12 ~~of higher education, to prepare a summary evaluation report of the~~  
13 ~~implementation of the local accountability systems that receive grants.~~  
14 ~~The evaluation must, at a minimum, include an evaluation of the success~~  
15 ~~of each local accountability system in evaluating student success and the~~  
16 ~~processes for ensuring a cycle of continuous improvement within the~~  
17 ~~public schools of the participating local education providers. At the~~  
18 ~~annual meeting held pursuant to subsection (1) of this section at the end~~  
19 ~~of the first year of the grant program, the department, participating local~~  
20 ~~education providers, and the accountability system partners shall identify~~  
21 ~~the goals, tools, and measures to be addressed by the summary evaluation~~  
22 ~~report. The data used for the summary evaluation report must include~~  
23 ~~qualitative and quantitative measures.~~

24 (II) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (5)(a)(I) of this~~  
25 ~~section to the contrary, as a result of the suspension of funding for the~~  
26 ~~local accountability system grant program during the 2020-21 budget~~  
27 ~~year, the 2020-21 budget year is not considered a grant program year for~~  
28 ~~purposes of determining the third year of the grant program.~~

1           ~~(b) For purposes of the summary evaluation report, the department~~  
2           ~~shall provide to the external evaluator information concerning the scores~~  
3           ~~attained by students enrolled by the participating local education~~  
4           ~~providers on the statewide assessments administered pursuant to section~~  
5           ~~22-7-1006.3 and information concerning student longitudinal academic~~  
6           ~~growth, student academic achievement, and student academic growth to~~  
7           ~~standards for the students enrolled by the participating local education~~  
8           ~~providers. The department shall provide the information in the aggregate~~  
9           ~~by grade level and disaggregated by student group, as defined in section~~  
10           ~~22-11-103, compared to scores attained in previous school years and~~  
11           ~~compared to the state average scores. The department shall provide the~~  
12           ~~information to the external evaluator only to the extent allowable under~~  
13           ~~federal and state law. Each local education provider that participates in~~  
14           ~~the grant program shall provide any necessary data for purposes of the~~  
15           ~~summary evaluation report described in subsection (5)(a) of this section~~  
16           ~~that is not readily available to the department.~~

17           ~~(c) Beginning with the report that is submitted on or before~~  
18           ~~January 15, 2023, and for each report submitted thereafter, the department~~  
19           ~~shall include in the report described in subsection (2) of this section the~~  
20           ~~summary evaluation report described in this subsection (5).~~

21           ~~(d) The department may accept and expend gifts, grants, or~~  
22           ~~donations to pay the costs incurred in preparing the summary evaluation~~  
23           ~~report described in this subsection (5).~~

24           ~~(6) Notwithstanding the requirement in section 24-1-136~~  
25           ~~(11)(a)(I), the requirement to submit the report specified in this section~~  
26           ~~continues indefinitely.~~

27           **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-2102, **amend** (2)  
28           introductory portion and (2)(d)(II); and **repeal** (2)(d)(III) as follows:

1           **2-2-2102. Accountability, accreditation, student performance,**  
2           **and resource inequity task force - appointments - meetings.**

3           (2) The task force members must be appointed on or before July  
4           1, 2023. Following the appointment of the task force members pursuant  
5           to this subsection (2), the speaker of the house of representatives shall  
6           appoint the chairperson, and the president of the senate shall appoint the  
7           vice-chairperson. The task force consists of ~~twenty-six~~ TWENTY-FIVE  
8           members, and task force members are appointed as follows:

9           (d) The senate minority leader shall appoint the following  
10          members:

11          (II) One teacher who teaches in a rural school district; AND

12          (III) ~~One superintendent who represents a rural school district that~~  
13          ~~participates in the local accountability system grant program established~~  
14          ~~in section 22-11-703 and who has experience as a school district~~  
15          ~~superintendent in Colorado public schools; and~~

16          **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-2103, **repeal**  
17          (1)(b)(III) as follows:

18          **2-2-2103. Accountability, accreditation, student performance,**  
19          **and resource inequity task force - duties - report.**

20          (1) (b) To support the considerations of the task force set forth in  
21          subsection (1)(a) of this section, the task force may review:

22          (III) ~~The results of the local accountability system grant program~~  
23          ~~created in section 22-11-703;~~

24          **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
25          takes effect July 1, 2027; except that, if a referendum petition is filed  
26          pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this  
27          act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period  
28          after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,

1 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the  
2 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take  
3 effect July 1, 2027.

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101 **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.**

**Bill Summary**

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**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill repeals the local accountability system, which includes a grant program. The local accountability system supplements the state accountability system.

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

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1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** part 7 of  
2 article 11 of title 22.

3           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-2102, **amend** (2)  
4 introductory portion and (2)(d)(II); and **repeal** (2)(d)(III) as follows:

5           **2-2-2102. Accountability, accreditation, student performance,**  
6 **and resource inequity task force - appointments - meetings.**

7           (2) The task force members must be appointed on or before July  
8 1, 2023. Following the appointment of the task force members pursuant  
9 to this subsection (2), the speaker of the house of representatives shall  
10 appoint the chairperson, and the president of the senate shall appoint the  
11 vice-chairperson. The task force consists of ~~twenty-six~~ TWENTY-FIVE  
12 members, and task force members are appointed as follows:

13           (d) The senate minority leader shall appoint the following  
14 members:

15           (II) One teacher who teaches in a rural school district; AND

16           (III) ~~One superintendent who represents a rural school district that~~  
17 ~~participates in the local accountability system grant program established~~  
18 ~~in section 22-11-703 and who has experience as a school district~~  
19 ~~superintendent in Colorado public schools; and~~

20           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-2103, **repeal**  
21 (1)(b)(II) and (1)(b)(III) as follows:

22           **2-2-2103. Accountability, accreditation, student performance,**  
23 **and resource inequity task force - duties - report.**

24           (b) To support the considerations of the task force set forth in  
25 subsection (1)(a) of this section, the task force may review:

26           (II) ~~The local accountability systems described in part 7 of article~~  
27 ~~11 of title 22;~~

1           (III) ~~The results of the local accountability system grant program~~  
2 ~~created in section 22-11-703;~~

3           **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2026.

4           **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
7 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
8 institutions.

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

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**BILL TOPIC:** Appropriations to Auraria Higher Education Center

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR**  
102 **THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER.**

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**Bill Summary**

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**Joint Budget Committee.** Existing law imposes certain requirements related to money appropriated to the Auraria higher education center (AHEC) for operations costs, including a requirement to use the money in accordance with baseline service level agreements entered into by AHEC's constituent institutions. The requirements apply through July 1, 2026.

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The bill extends the requirements to apply through July 1, 2027.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-70-118, **amend**  
3 (1) introductory portion, (2) introductory portion, (2)(a), (3), (4)  
4 introductory portion, and (5) as follows:

5           **23-70-118. Requirements for money that is appropriated to**  
6 **the department of higher education for use by the Auraria higher**  
7 **education center - repeal.**

8           (1) Any money that the general assembly appropriates to the  
9 department of higher education for the Auraria higher education center  
10 to use for operational costs ~~in~~ FOR the 2025-26 state fiscal year AND FOR  
11 EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER must be used as agreed upon by  
12 the constituent institutions in baseline service level agreements, including  
13 operational costs associated with:

14           (2) Any baseline service level agreement that the Auraria higher  
15 education center enters into using money appropriated by the general  
16 assembly for the 2025-26 state fiscal year AND FOR EACH STATE FISCAL  
17 YEAR THEREAFTER must:

18           (a) Be executed by the contracting parties no later than ~~September~~  
19 ~~1, 2025~~ SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, until which time the Auraria  
20 higher education center and the constituent institutions shall operate  
21 according to existing service level agreements;

22           (3) In the 2025-26 state fiscal year, AND EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR  
23 THEREAFTER, the Auraria higher education center shall manage all  
24 resources related to baseline service level agreements and goals and shall  
25 present quarterly updates regarding baseline service level agreements and

1 goals to the constituent institutions.

2 (4) The Auraria higher education center shall establish fee  
3 structures ~~for the 2025-26 state fiscal year~~ for all services that are not  
4 already provided for in the baseline service level agreements. The  
5 constituent institutions may enter into additional agreements with the  
6 Auraria higher education center for services that are not provided for in  
7 the baseline service level agreements, in which case the Auraria higher  
8 education center shall explain why the additional contracted services do  
9 not fall within the baseline service level agreements. The fee structures  
10 established pursuant to this subsection (4) must:

11 (5) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2026~~ JULY 1, 2027.

12 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
15 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
16 institutions.

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

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**BILL TOPIC:** Health Disparities & Community Grant Evaluation

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE EVALUATION AGENT FOR THE HEALTH DISPARITIES**  
102 **AND COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

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**Bill Summary**

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**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill eliminates the third-party evaluation requirement for the health disparities and community grant program (program) and instead requires the department of public health and environment to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-2203, **add** (4)  
3 as follows:

4 **25-4-2203. Health disparities and community grant program**  
5 **- rules - evaluation.**

6 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EVALUATE THE GRANT PROGRAM'S  
7 EFFECTIVENESS EACH GRANT CYCLE, WHICH MUST BE A SEPARATE  
8 EVALUATION FROM THE EVALUATION OF THE CANCER, CARDIOVASCULAR  
9 DISEASE, AND CHRONIC PULMONARY DISEASE PREVENTION, EARLY  
10 DETECTION, AND TREATMENT PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
11 PREPARE A REPORT AFTER EACH EVALUATION AND MAKE THE REPORT  
12 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-20.5-305  
14 as follows:

15 **25-20.5-305. Evaluation.**

16 ~~Commencing with the 2006-07 fiscal year, and~~ Each fiscal year,  
17 ~~thereafter,~~ the state board shall select a grant recipient to evaluate the  
18 effectiveness of the program. ~~and the health disparities and community~~  
19 ~~grant program established pursuant to part 22 of article 4 of this title 25.~~  
20 Costs for the evaluation ~~shall~~ MUST be adequately funded from the  
21 amount annually appropriated by the general assembly to the division  
22 from the prevention, early detection, and treatment fund.

23 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

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**BILL TOPIC:** Change Motorcycle Operator Fund to Annual Approp

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF THE MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR**  
102           **SAFETY TRAINING FUND TO A CASH FUND SUBJECT TO ANNUAL**  
103           **APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND, IN**  
104           **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

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**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill provides that the motorcycle operator safety training fund is no longer immediately and continuously available for use by the office of the chief of the state patrol in the

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department of public safety (office), and instead is available to be expended by the office subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-5-504, **amend** (1)  
3 as follows:

4 **43-5-504. Motorcycle operator safety training fund - gifts,**  
5 **donations, and grants - tuition benefit - rules - definitions.**

6 (1) The motorcycle operator safety training fund is hereby created  
7 in the state treasury. The fund consists of money collected under sections  
8 42-2-114 (2)(d), 42-2-118 (1)(b)(II), and 42-3-304 (4). ~~The money in the~~  
9 ~~fund is available immediately, without further appropriation, for~~  
10 ~~allocation by the chief to the office to be used~~ SUBJECT TO ANNUAL  
11 APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE OFFICE MAY EXPEND  
12 MONEY FROM THE FUND for the implementation and administration of the  
13 program. Money credited to the fund remains in the fund at the end of  
14 each fiscal year and is not transferred to any other fund.

15 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2026-27 state fiscal year,  
16 \$1,110,000 is appropriated to the department of public safety for use by  
17 the Colorado state patrol. This appropriation is from the motorcycle  
18 operator safety training fund created in section 43-5-504 (1), C.R.S. To  
19 implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for the  
20 motorcycle operator safety training program.

21 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2026.

22 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

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**BILL TOPIC:** Adjust PERA's Allocations to Trust Funds

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT**  
102 **ASSOCIATION'S ALLOCATION OF MONEY TO TRUST FUNDS.**

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**Bill Summary**

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**Joint Budget Committee.** Current law requires the state treasurer to issue a warrant in the amount of \$225 million to the public employees' retirement association (PERA) on July 1 of each year as a direct distribution (direct distribution) and requires PERA to allocate the direct distribution to the trust funds of each division of PERA as it would an employer contribution, in a manner that is proportionate to the annual

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payroll of each division, except in certain circumstances. The bill changes the allocation of the direct distribution by specifying that, beginning with the direct distribution occurring on July 1, 2026, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, PERA is required to allocate the direct distribution to the trust funds of each division of PERA on an actuarial basis to maximize PERA's blended total contribution amount in a manner that limits, to the extent possible, the triggering of automatic adjustment provisions, which are triggered when PERA's divisions fall below a targeted level of funding.

The bill also changes the amount of PERA employer contributions that are allocated to the health care trust fund from 1.02% of member salaries to 0.52% of member salaries.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-51-208, **amend**  
3 (1)(f) as follows:

4           **24-51-208. Allocation of money.**

5           (1) The money of the association shall be divided into several trust  
6 funds, including, but not limited to:

7           (f) The health care trust fund, created pursuant to the provisions  
8 of section 24-51-1201 (1), which consists of a portion of the employer  
9 contributions equal to ~~one and two~~ FIFTY-TWO one-hundredths OF ONE  
10 percent of member salaries; a portion of the amount paid by members to  
11 purchase service credit relating to noncovered employment as determined  
12 pursuant to section 24-51-505 (7); thirty percent of the amount of any  
13 reduction in the employer contribution rates as determined in section  
14 24-51-408.5 (5) to amortize any overfunding in each division's trust fund;  
15 deductions of premium amounts from monthly benefits of participating  
16 benefit recipients; premiums paid directly to the trust fund by  
17 participating benefit recipients, members, and dependents; monthly  
18 payments made by employers on behalf of participating benefit recipients,  
19 members, and dependents; and interest; in addition to a proportional share

1 of investment income earned thereon;

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-51-414, **amend**  
3 (4) as follows:

4 **24-51-414. Direct distribution - definitions.**

5 (4) (a) Prior to ~~July 1, 2030~~ JULY 1, 2026, the association shall  
6 allocate the direct distribution to the trust funds of each division of the  
7 association as it would an employer contribution, in a manner that is  
8 proportionate to the annual payroll of each division as reported to the  
9 association; except that the association shall not allocate any portion of  
10 the direct distribution amount to the local government division or the  
11 Denver public schools division of the association.

12 (b) (I) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection (4) to the~~  
13 ~~contrary, on or after July 1, 2025, if the allocation methodology described~~  
14 ~~in this subsection (4) would result in the blended total contribution~~  
15 ~~amount equaling less than ninety-eight percent of the blended total~~  
16 ~~required contribution the association may instead allocate the direct~~  
17 ~~distribution to the trust funds of each division of the association in an~~  
18 ~~actuarial manner as necessary to achieve at least ninety-eight percent of~~  
19 ~~the blended total required contribution; except that the association shall~~  
20 ~~not allocate any portion of the direct distribution amount to the local~~  
21 ~~government division of the association.~~

22 (II) As used in this ~~subsection (4)(b)~~ SUBSECTION (4), unless the  
23 context otherwise requires:

24 (A) "Blended total contribution amount" has the same meaning as  
25 in section 24-51-413 (1)(a).

26 (B) ~~"Blended total required contribution" has the same meaning~~  
27 ~~as in section 24-51-413 (1)(b).~~

1           (C) ~~"Fulfillment year" has the same meaning as set forth in~~  
2 ~~subsection (8.5)(d)(III) of this section.~~

3           (c) ~~Beginning July 1, 2030~~ WITH THE DIRECT DISTRIBUTION  
4 OCCURRING ON JULY 1, 2026, AND ON JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,  
5 the association shall allocate the direct distribution to the trust funds of  
6 each division of the association ~~as it would an employer contribution, in~~  
7 ~~a manner that is proportionate to the annual payroll of each division as~~  
8 ~~reported to the association; except that~~ ON AN ACTUARIAL BASIS TO  
9 MAXIMIZE THE BLENDED TOTAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT IN A MANNER  
10 THAT LIMITS, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED BY  
11 SECTION 24-51-413 (3). ~~BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ON JULY 1 OF EACH~~  
12 ~~YEAR PRECEDING 2030,~~ the association shall not allocate any portion of  
13 the direct distribution amount to the local government division OR THE  
14 DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE ASSOCIATION. ~~BEGINNING JULY~~  
15 ~~1, 2030, AND ON JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,~~ THE ASSOCIATION  
16 SHALL NOT ALLOCATE ANY PORTION OF THE DIRECT DISTRIBUTION  
17 AMOUNT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

18           **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2026.

19           **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
22 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
23 institutions.

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COMMITTEE BILL

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Joint Budget Committee

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**BILL TOPIC:** Repeal Capital Construction Funding Requirements  
**DEADLINES:** File by: 3/30/2026

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING THE**  
102 **FUNDING OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103 **THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

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**Joint Budget Committee.** Current law requires most state agencies and institutions of higher education that receive an appropriation for capital construction to set aside an amount of money equal to the recorded depreciation of the capital asset that was acquired, repaired, improved, replaced, renovated, or constructed with the appropriation

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(annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment) to pay for the long-term maintenance costs of the capital asset. Currently, the money that state agencies or institutions of higher education set aside for maintenance costs is credited to the capitol complex renovation fund. The bill repeals the annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment requirement.

Currently, the department of personnel uses the money in the capitol complex renovation fund (fund) for capital construction needs for existing state-owned buildings in the capitol complex. The bill requires the state treasurer to transfer \$15,263,000 from the fund to the general fund on June 30, 2026. The bill also requires the state treasurer to transfer the remaining balance of the fund on June 30, 2027, to the general fund and then repeals the fund. In addition, the bill repeals a reporting requirement in connection with the use of the money in the fund.

The bill also repeals the capitol complex master plan implementation fund, including its ongoing transfers to the fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 24-30-1310.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-1313, **amend**

4 (1) and (7); **repeal** (6); and **add** (6.8) and (6.9) as follows:

5 **24-30-1313. Capitol complex renovation fund - created -**  
6 **repeal.**

7 (1) The capitol complex renovation fund, referred to in this  
8 section as the "fund", is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of  
9 ~~money credited to the fund pursuant to section 24-30-1310 (2), money~~  
10 ~~transferred to the fund pursuant to sections 24-75-307 (2.5) and (4), and~~  
11 ~~any other~~ money that the general assembly may appropriate or transfer to  
12 the fund.

13 ~~(6) The state treasurer shall transfer all unexpended and~~  
14 ~~unencumbered money in the fund on June 30, 2030, to the capital~~  
15 ~~construction fund created in section 24-75-302.~~

16 (6.8) ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER  
17 FIFTEEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM  
18 THE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

1 (6.9) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER THE UNEXPENDED  
2 AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF THE FUND ON JUNE 30, 2027, TO THE  
3 GENERAL FUND.

4 (7) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2031~~ JULY 1, 2027.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 24-30-1314.

6 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-1601, **repeal** (4)  
7 as follows:

8 **2-2-1601. Legislative department cash fund - redistricting**  
9 **accounts - creation - definition - repeal.**

10 (4) ~~Any money that is identified in a capital reserve of the~~  
11 ~~legislative department cash fund created in subsection (1)(a) of this~~  
12 ~~section or in a capital reserve of the redistricting account created in~~  
13 ~~subsection (2.5) of this section as required pursuant to section 24-30-1310~~  
14 ~~on or before June 29, 2020, shall be released from said reserve or reserves~~  
15 ~~and may be used instead for the purposes set forth in this section.~~

16 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-302, **amend**  
17 (1)(a) as follows:

18 **24-75-302. Capital construction fund - capital assessment fees**  
19 **- calculation - information technology capital account - repeal.**

20 (1) (a) The capital construction fund is created. The fund consists  
21 of money transferred to the fund by the general assembly. ~~and money~~  
22 ~~credited to the fund pursuant to section 24-30-1310.~~ Money in the capital  
23 construction fund may be appropriated for capital construction, capital  
24 renewal, controlled maintenance, or state highway reconstruction, repair,  
25 and maintenance projects as requested pursuant to section 43-1-113 (2.5);  
26 except that any money transferred to the capital construction fund for  
27 state highway reconstruction, repair, and maintenance projects may only

1 be appropriated for such projects. The appropriation for projects must be  
2 set forth in a single line item as a total sum. For state fiscal years  
3 commencing on or before July 1, 2024, all unappropriated balances in the  
4 fund at the close of any fiscal year must remain in the fund and may not  
5 revert to the general fund. For state fiscal years commencing on or after  
6 July 1, 2025, the state treasurer shall transfer any unappropriated balances  
7 in the fund or any otherwise unexpended and unencumbered money  
8 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year to the general fund. All  
9 unexpended or unencumbered money from a capital construction fund  
10 appropriation to a state agency or state institution of higher education  
11 reverts, for state fiscal years commencing on or before July 1, 2024, to the  
12 capital construction fund, and, for state fiscal years commencing on or  
13 after July 1, 2025, to the general fund at the end of the period for which  
14 the money is appropriated. Except as provided in sections 2-3-1304  
15 (1)(a.5) and 24-30-1303.7 (1), no portion of the unexpended balance of  
16 a state agency's or state institution of higher education's capital  
17 construction fund appropriation may be used by the state agency or the  
18 state institution of higher education for any additional projects that are  
19 beyond the scope or design of the original project without further  
20 approval by the capital development committee of such additional project.  
21 Anticipation warrants or checks may be issued against the revenues of the  
22 fund as provided by law. Except as provided in subsections (1)(c) and (7)  
23 of this section, all interest earned from the investment of money in the  
24 capital construction fund must remain in the fund and become a part  
25 thereof.

26 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-302.5, **amend**  
27 (2)(a) as follows:

1           **24-75-302.5. Controlled maintenance - trust fund - legislative**  
2           **declaration.**

3           (2) (a) There is hereby created the controlled maintenance trust  
4 fund, the principal of which shall consist of any general fund revenues  
5 appropriated or transferred thereto by law ~~moneys credited thereto~~  
6 ~~pursuant to section 24-30-1310~~, and proceeds of leveraged leasing  
7 agreements deposited thereto pursuant to section 24-82-1003 (3). For the  
8 1996-97 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter, the principal of the trust  
9 fund may constitute all or some portion of the state emergency reserve  
10 established pursuant to section 24-77-104 and may be expended in any  
11 given fiscal year as provided in said section. The principal of the trust  
12 fund shall not be expended or appropriated for any purpose other than use  
13 as part of the state emergency reserve. The state treasurer may in the state  
14 treasurer's discretion deposit, redeposit, invest, and reinvest ~~moneys~~  
15 MONEY accrued or accruing to the controlled maintenance trust fund in  
16 the types of deposits and investments authorized in sections 24-36-109,  
17 24-36-112, and 24-36-113.

18           **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 24-75-307.

19           **SECTION 8. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

20           (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this  
21 act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the  
22 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of agriculture are adjusted as  
23 follows:

24           (a) The cash funds appropriation from the agricultural  
25 management fund created in section 35-1-106.9 (1), C.R.S., for annual  
26 depreciation-lease equivalent payment is decreased by \$203,337;

27           (b) The cash funds appropriation from the inspection and

1 consumer services cash fund created in section 35-1-106.5 (1), C.R.S., for  
2 annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment is decreased by \$10,000;  
3 and

4 (c) The cash funds appropriation from various sources of cash  
5 funds for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment is decreased by  
6 \$248,280.

7 (2) (a) If the cash funds appropriation from the agricultural  
8 management fund created in section 35-1-106.9 (1), C.R.S., made in the  
9 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
10 department of agriculture for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
11 payment is less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection  
12 (1)(a) of this section, the cash funds appropriation from the agricultural  
13 management fund created in section 35-1-106.9 (1), C.R.S., is decreased  
14 to \$0.

15 (b) If the cash funds appropriation from the inspection and  
16 consumer services cash fund created in section 35-1-106.5 (1), C.R.S.,  
17 made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal  
18 year to the department of agriculture for annual depreciation-lease  
19 equivalent payment is less than the amount of the adjustment required in  
20 subsection (1)(b) of this section, the cash funds appropriation from the  
21 inspection and consumer services cash fund created in section 35-1-106.5  
22 (1), C.R.S., is decreased to \$0.

23 (c) If the cash funds appropriation from various sources of cash  
24 funds made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
25 fiscal year to the department of agriculture for annual depreciation-lease  
26 equivalent payment is less than the amount of the adjustment required in  
27 subsection (1)(c) of this section, the cash funds appropriation from

1 various sources of cash funds is decreased to \$0.

2 (d) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
3 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of  
4 agriculture for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment, then  
5 subsection (1) does not require a reduction of an appropriation in the  
6 2026-27 state fiscal year.

7 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, to  
8 implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
9 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
10 department of corrections for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
11 payments is decreased by \$659,571.

12 (4) (a) If the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
13 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
14 department of corrections for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
15 payments is an amount less than the amount of the adjustment required in  
16 subsection (3) of this section, the general fund appropriation is decreased  
17 to \$0.

18 (b) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
19 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of  
20 corrections for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payments, then  
21 subsection (3) does not require a reduction of an appropriation in the  
22 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

23 (5) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, to  
24 implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
25 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
26 department of higher education for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
27 payment is decreased by \$13,100,234.

1           (6) (a) If the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
2 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
3 department of higher education for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
4 payment is an amount less than the amount of the adjustment required in  
5 subsection (5) of this section, the general fund appropriation is decreased  
6 to \$0.

7           (b) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
8 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of higher  
9 education for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment, then  
10 subsection (5) does not require a reduction of an appropriation in the  
11 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

12           (7) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, to  
13 implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
14 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
15 department of human services for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
16 payment is decreased by \$7,781,784.

17           (8) (a) If the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
18 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
19 department of human services for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
20 payment is an amount less than the amount of the adjustment required in  
21 subsection (7) of this section, the general fund appropriation is decreased  
22 to \$0.

23           (b) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
24 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of human  
25 services for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment, then  
26 subsection (7) does not require a reduction of an appropriation in the  
27 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

1           (9) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section, to  
2 implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
3 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
4 department of military and veterans affairs for annual depreciation-lease  
5 equivalent payment is decreased by \$87,994.

6           (10) (a) If the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
7 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
8 department of military and veterans affairs for annual depreciation-lease  
9 equivalent payment is an amount less than the amount of the adjustment  
10 required in subsection (9) of this section, the general fund appropriation  
11 is decreased to \$0.

12           (b) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
13 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of military  
14 and veterans affairs for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment,  
15 then subsection (9) does not require a reduction of an appropriation in the  
16 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

17           (11) Except as provided in subsection (12) of this section, to  
18 implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general  
19 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of  
20 natural resources are adjusted as follows:

21           (a) The general fund appropriation for annual depreciation-lease  
22 equivalent payment is decreased by \$651,475; and

23           (b) The cash funds appropriation from the parks and outdoor  
24 recreation cash fund created in section 33-10-111 (1), C.R.S., for annual  
25 depreciation-lease equivalent payment is decreased by \$143,912.

26           (12) (a) If the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
27 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the

1 department of natural resources for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
2 payment is an amount less than the amount of the adjustment required in  
3 subsection (11)(a) of this section, the general fund appropriation is  
4 decreased to \$0.

5 (b) If the cash funds appropriation from the parks and outdoor  
6 recreation cash fund created in section 33-10-111 (1), C.R.S., made in the  
7 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
8 department of natural resources for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
9 payment is an amount less than the amount of the adjustment required in  
10 subsection (11)(b) of this section, the cash funds appropriation from the  
11 parks and outdoor recreation cash fund created in section 33-10-111 (1),  
12 C.R.S., is decreased to \$0.

13 (c) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
14 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of natural  
15 resources for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment, then  
16 subsection (11) does not require a reduction of an appropriation in the  
17 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

18 (13) Except as provided in subsection (14) of this section, to  
19 implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
20 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
21 department of personnel for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment  
22 is decreased by \$2,600,060.

23 (14) (a) If the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
24 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
25 department of personnel for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment  
26 is an amount less than the amount of the adjustment required in  
27 subsection (13) of this section, the general fund appropriation is

1 decreased to \$0.

2 (b) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
3 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of  
4 personnel for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment, then  
5 subsection (13) does not require a reduction of an appropriation in the  
6 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

7 (15) Except as provided in subsection (16) of this section, to  
8 implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general  
9 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of  
10 public health and environment are adjusted as follows:

11 (a) The general fund appropriation for annual depreciation-lease  
12 equivalent payments is decreased by \$380,068; and

13 (b) The cash funds appropriation from the newborn screening and  
14 genetic counseling cash funds created in section 25-4-1006 (1), C.R.S.,  
15 for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payments is decreased by  
16 \$103,558.

17 (16) (a) If the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
18 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
19 department of public health and environment for annual  
20 depreciation-lease equivalent payments is an amount less than the amount  
21 of the adjustment required in subsection (15)(a) of this section, the  
22 general fund appropriation is decreased to \$0.

23 (b) If the cash funds appropriation from the newborn screening  
24 and genetic counseling cash funds created in section 25-4-1006 (1),  
25 C.R.S., made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
26 fiscal year to the department of public health and environment for annual  
27 depreciation-lease equivalent payments is an amount less than the amount

1 of the adjustment required in subsection (15)(b) of this section, the cash  
2 funds appropriation from the newborn screening and genetic counseling  
3 cash funds created in section 25-4-1006 (1), C.R.S., is decreased to \$0.

4 (c) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
5 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of public  
6 health and environment for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
7 payments, then subsection (15) does not require a reduction of an  
8 appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
9 fiscal year.

10 (17) Except as provided in subsection (18) of this section, to  
11 implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the highway users  
12 tax fund created in section 43-4-201 (1)(a), C.R.S., and appropriated  
13 pursuant to section 43-4-201 (3)(a)(I)(C), C.R.S., made in the annual  
14 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
15 department of public safety for annual depreciation-lease equivalent  
16 payment is decreased by \$67,700.

17 (18)(a) If the cash funds appropriation from the highway users tax  
18 fund created in section 43-4-201 (1)(a), C.R.S., and appropriated pursuant  
19 to section 43-4-201 (3)(a)(I)(C), C.R.S., made in the annual general  
20 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of  
21 public safety for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment is an  
22 amount less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (17)  
23 of this section, the cash funds appropriation from the highway users tax  
24 fund created in section 43-4-201 (1)(a), C.R.S., and appropriated pursuant  
25 to section 43-4-201 (3)(a)(I)(C), C.R.S., is decreased to \$0.

26 (b) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
27 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of public

1 safety for annual depreciation-lease equivalent payment, then subsection  
2 (17) does not require a reduction of an appropriation in the annual general  
3 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

4 **SECTION 9. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;  
5 except that section 8 of this act takes effect only if the annual general  
6 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which  
7 case section 8 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the  
8 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever  
9 is later.

10 **SECTION 10. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
13 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
14 institutions.