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Seventy-fourth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

PREAMENDED

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee
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LLS NO. 23-0495.01 Chelsea Princell x4335

SENATE BILL 23-027

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

Health & Human Services
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING FUNDING OF THE FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT**
102 **PROGRAM.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

For the 2023-24 state fiscal year through the 2026-27 state fiscal year, the bill appropriates \$3 million annually from the general fund to the food pantry assistance grant program.

The bill repeals the food pantry assistance grant program, effective July 1, 2028.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-139, **add** (7)
3 and (8) as follows:

4 **26-2-139. Food pantry assistance grant program - created -**
5 **timeline and criteria - grants - definitions - repeal.** (7) FOR STATE
6 FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 THROUGH 2026-27, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
7 APPROPRIATIONS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY
8 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE GRANT
9 PROGRAM.

10 (8) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028.

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