

## CHAPTER 276

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## SENATE BILL 21-267

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## AN ACT

## CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-94-102, **amend** (2)(b) as follows:

**13-94-102. Legislative declaration.** (2) In establishing the office of public guardianship, the general assembly intends:

(b) That the office is a pilot program, to be evaluated and then continued, discontinued, or expanded at the discretion of the general assembly in ~~2021~~ 2023.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-94-108, **amend** (2) as follows:

**13-94-108. Office of public guardianship cash fund - created.** (2) The money in the fund is annually appropriated to the judicial department to pay the expenses of the office. All interest and income derived from the investment and deposit of money in the fund is credited to the fund. Any unexpended and unencumbered money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the fund and not be credited or transferred to the general fund or any other fund; except that any money remaining in the fund on June 30, ~~2021~~ 2024, shall be transferred to the general fund.

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 13-94-111 as follows:

**13-94-111. Repeal - wind-up.** (1) This article 94 is repealed, effective ~~December 31, 2023~~ JUNE 30, 2024. Prior to such repeal, the general assembly, after reviewing the report submitted by the director pursuant to section 13-94-105 (4),

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shall consider whether to enact legislation to continue, discontinue, or expand the office.

(2) If the general assembly has adjourned the legislative session beginning in January of 2023 sine die without enacting legislation to continue or expand the office, the office shall NOTIFY THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE THAT THE OFFICE WILL NOT BE CONTINUED AND THAT COURT FEES MAY BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT DEPOSITED TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP CASH FUND, implement its discontinuation plan developed pursuant to section 13-94-105, and wind-up its affairs prior to the repeal of this article 94.

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

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