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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ESTABLISHING A PREVENTING IDENTITY-BASED
102 VIOLENCE GRANT 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>.)

The bill establishes the preventing identity-based violence grant program to provide grants for programs that focus on building strong communities and preventing acts of violence that threaten human life or critical infrastructure or key resources in which actors or groups intentionally target a discernible population of individuals or venue in a manner that poses a threat to homeland security (identity-based violence).

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

A project funded with a grant award must build awareness for the prevention and intervention of identity-based violence within Colorado communities; strengthen local collaboration and capabilities for prevention and intervention of identity-based violence; or build sustainable support for the prevention and intervention of identity-based violence. A project must not infringe on individual privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. The bill requires the general assembly to annually appropriate one million dollars to implement the program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 24-33.5-1620** as
3 follows:

4 **24-33.5-1620. Preventing identity-based violence grant**
5 **program - creation - report - rules - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS
6 SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (a) "EDUCATIONAL ENTITY" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT; A BOARD
8 OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES; A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL OR AN
9 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 30.5 OF
10 TITLE 22; A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN
11 SECTION 23-18-102 (10)(a); A LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE, CREATED
12 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 71 OF TITLE 23; AN AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AS
13 DEFINED IN SECTION 23-60-103; OR A PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
14 EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102 (9).

15 (b) "ELIGIBLE ENTITY" MEANS A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY
16 AND COUNTY, AND ANY AGENCY THEREOF; AN AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE;
17 A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; A DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; AN
18 EDUCATIONAL ENTITY; AND A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT
19 FROM TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501 (c)(3) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL
20 REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED, WHICH MAY BE A
21 COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS EXPERIENCE

1 WORKING WITH THOSE AFFECTED BY IDENTITY-BASED VIOLENCE.

2 (c) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF PREVENTION AND SECURITY
3 CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1606.

4 (d) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE PREVENTING IDENTITY-BASED
5 VIOLENCE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS
6 SECTION.

7 (2) (a) THERE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE DIVISION THE PREVENTING
8 IDENTITY-BASED VIOLENCE GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO
9 ELIGIBLE ENTITIES FOR PROGRAMS THAT FOCUS ON BUILDING STRONG
10 COMMUNITIES AND PREVENTING ACTS OF VIOLENCE THAT THREATEN
11 HUMAN LIFE OR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OR KEY RESOURCES, IN WHICH
12 ACTORS OR GROUPS INTENTIONALLY TARGET A DISCERNIBLE POPULATION
13 OF INDIVIDUALS OR VENUE IN A MANNER THAT POSES A THREAT TO
14 HOMELAND SECURITY, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS "IDENTITY-BASED
15 VIOLENCE". THE OFFICE SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN
16 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND DEPARTMENT RULES.

17 (b) (I) A PROJECT FUNDED WITH A GRANT AWARD MUST FURTHER
18 AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM GOALS:

19 (A) BUILDING AWARENESS FOR THE PREVENTION AND
20 INTERVENTION OF IDENTITY-BASED VIOLENCE WITHIN COLORADO
21 COMMUNITIES;

22 (B) STRENGTHENING LOCAL COLLABORATION AND CAPABILITIES
23 FOR PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION OF IDENTITY-BASED VIOLENCE; OR

24 (C) BUILDING SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT FOR THE PREVENTION AND
25 INTERVENTION OF IDENTITY-BASED VIOLENCE.

26 (II) A PROJECT MUST NOT INFRINGE ON INDIVIDUAL PRIVACY, CIVIL
27 RIGHTS, AND CIVIL LIBERTIES.

1 (3) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AS
2 NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SECTION. AT A MINIMUM,
3 THE RULES MUST SPECIFY THE FOLLOWING:

4 (I) THE CONTENT OF A GRANT APPLICATION, THE DEADLINE FOR
5 SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION, AND THE DEADLINE FOR THE DIVISION
6 TO AWARD GRANTS;

7 (II) CRITERIA FOR SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS, WHICH MAY
8 INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL GRANT PRIORITIES DESCRIBED IN
9 SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION;

10 (III) GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT
11 AWARD;

12 (IV) A PROCESS FOR VERIFYING THAT GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE
13 COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM; AND

14 (V) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS TO REPORT
15 INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE REPORT
16 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY EVALUATE
18 ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS THAT LEAD TO IDENTITY-BASED VIOLENCE AND
19 CHALLENGES TO REDUCING IDENTITY-BASED VIOLENCE. THE DEPARTMENT
20 MAY ESTABLISH ANNUAL PRIORITIES FOR THE PROGRAM THAT ADDRESS
21 THE IDENTIFIED FACTORS AND CHALLENGES.

22 (4) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT IS
23 NOT A COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS
24 EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH THOSE AFFECTED BY IDENTITY-BASED
25 VIOLENCE MUST PARTNER WITH A COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT
26 ORGANIZATION WITH THAT EXPERIENCE TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT
27 FUNDED BY A GRANT AWARD. AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY SEEKING A GRANT

1 AWARD MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE. AT A
2 MINIMUM, THE GRANT APPLICATION MUST:

3 (a) DESCRIBE THE COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
4 THAT THE APPLICANT HAS PARTNERED WITH, IF APPLICABLE;

5 (b) DESCRIBE THE PROJECT THAT WILL BE FUNDED WITH A GRANT
6 AWARD, INCLUDING:

7 (I) WHICH PROGRAM GOAL, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)
8 OF THIS SECTION, IS FURTHERED BY THE PROPOSED PROJECT; AND

9 (II) HOW THE PROJECT ALIGNS WITH PROGRAM GOALS DESCRIBED
10 IN THIS SECTION AND THE ANNUAL GRANT PRIORITIES DETERMINED BY THE
11 DEPARTMENT;

12 (c) DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS SUFFICIENT
13 AUTHORITY AND CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT OUTLINED IN THE
14 APPLICANT'S GRANT PROPOSAL, INCLUDING THE CAPABILITY TO ENGAGE
15 THE PARTICIPANTS THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO INCLUDE IN THE PROJECT;
16 AND

17 (d) DESCRIBE ANY POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT ON
18 INDIVIDUALS' PRIVACY, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND CIVIL LIBERTIES AND EXPLAIN
19 HOW THE APPLICANT WILL PREVENT OR MITIGATE THOSE IMPACTS AND
20 ADMINISTER THE APPLICANT'S PROJECTS IN A NONDISCRIMINATORY
21 MANNER.

22 (5) (a) THE OFFICE SHALL:

23 (I) ACCEPT AND REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS;

24 (II) AWARD GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA
25 ESTABLISHED BY RULES PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND
26 DETERMINE THE AMOUNT, BASED ON AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THAT
27 WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH GRANT RECIPIENT; AND

1 (III) VERIFY THAT GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE COMPLYING WITH THE
2 REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM.

3 (b) THE OFFICE SHALL INCLUDE IN EACH GRANT AWARD ANY
4 PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES THAT THE GRANT RECIPIENT MUST
5 REPORT TO THE OFFICE.

6 (6) (a) GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED
7 THROUGH THE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED PROJECT INCLUDED
8 IN THE GRANT APPLICATION, AND UP TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE AWARD MAY
9 BE USED FOR MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT FUNDS.
10 GRANT RECIPIENTS SHALL NOT USE ANY PART OF A GRANT AWARD AS
11 MATCHING FUNDS FOR OTHER GRANTS OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS OR
12 FOR LOBBYING EFFORTS, LITIGATION COSTS, OR INTERVENTION IN
13 REGULATORY OR ADJUDICATORY PROCEEDINGS.

14 (b) A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL SUBMIT A QUARTERLY REPORT TO
15 THE OFFICE THAT DESCRIBES ANY USE OF GRANT MONEY AND WHETHER
16 THE PROJECT HAS MET ANY PERFORMANCE MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN THE
17 GRANT APPLICATION OR SET BY THE OFFICE IN THE GRANT AWARD.

18 (7) (a) ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 31
19 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT
20 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
21 PROGRAM DURING THE PRIOR STATE FISCAL YEAR. THE REPORT MUST
22 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

- 23 (I) THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED;
- 24 (II) THE NUMBER OF COUNTIES IMPACTED BY GRANT AWARDS; AND
- 25 (III) WHETHER GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE MEETING PROJECT
26 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND OVERALL PROGRAM GOALS.

27 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE

1 REPORTING REQUIREMENT IN THIS SECTION CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

2 (8) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE
3 ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE
4 PROGRAM.

5 (b) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,
6 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE
7 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

8 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.