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SENATE BILL 22-165

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO CAREER ADVISOR**
102 **TRAINING 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 creates the Colorado career advisor training program in the department of education (department) to provide training to career advisors in Colorado. The department administers the program. The bill creates in the department the Colorado advisor training program fund (fund) and appropriates one million dollars from the general fund to the fund for purposes of the program.

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.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds that:

4 (a) Career advising supports youth and adult learners by providing
5 essential information to help them navigate careers and jobs;

6 (b) Many students and adult learners in Colorado do not know
7 what positions or credentials to pursue to secure high-paying jobs, and
8 they have difficulty navigating Colorado's education, training, and
9 employment landscape;

10 (c) Career advisors exist in K-12, higher education, adult
11 education, and workforce settings;

12 (d) In 2019, as an education leadership council initiative,
13 Colorado developed a first-in-the-nation model called the Colorado
14 Career Conversations Training project to cross-train career advisors
15 across systems. As a result of COVID-19, funding for this project was
16 interrupted.

17 (e) The past two years have underscored the need for high-quality
18 professional development and training to help existing career advisors be
19 dynamic and understand the shifting landscape of our state and regional
20 job needs and skills; and

21 (f) Program evaluations showed that the Colorado Career
22 Conversations Training project resulted in a statewide expansion of
23 highly trained career advisors focused on high-need sectors of the
24 economy and built increased capacity for a more consistent and
25 sustainable approach to career advising in Colorado as a model for the
26 nation.

1 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that providing access
2 to quality career advisors can address Colorado's skill and credential
3 attainment gap by helping students and adult learners explore career
4 options and complete the necessary education and training to obtain
5 quality living-wage jobs in high-need sectors of Colorado's economy.

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-10-108 as
7 follows:

8 **22-10-108. Colorado career advisor training program -**
9 **creation - fund - definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE
10 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "COLORADO CAREER ADVISOR" MEANS
11 A SCHOOL COUNSELOR, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-91-102 (6); ADULT
12 EDUCATION ADVISOR; NONPROFIT CAREER ADVISOR; WORKFORCE CENTER
13 ADVISOR; OR HIGHER EDUCATION ADVISOR.

14 (2) THERE IS CREATED THE COLORADO CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING
15 PROGRAM IN THE OFFICE TO PROVIDE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND COURSES
16 TO COLORADO CAREER ADVISORS IN AN EFFORT TO EQUIP COLORADO
17 CAREER ADVISORS WITH THE SKILLS AND TRAINING NECESSARY TO HELP
18 GUIDE INDIVIDUALS TOWARD MEANINGFUL CAREERS.

19 (3) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT
20 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT,
21 COLORADO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND THE COLORADO
22 COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, SHALL ADMINISTER THE COLORADO
23 CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT
24 THOSE ENTITIES THAT WILL RECEIVE GRANTS THROUGH THE COLORADO
25 CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT.
26 IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
27 PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVE FUNDS THROUGH THE COLORADO CAREER

1 ADVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS FROM THE
2 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING FOR
3 COLORADO CAREER ADVISORS, AN ENTITY MUST APPLY TO THE
4 DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMELINES AND GUIDELINES
5 ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

6 (4) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE COLORADO
7 CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM FUND THAT CONSISTS OF THE
8 MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATES TO THE FUND. FOR
9 STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL
10 APPROPRIATE ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE
11 COLORADO CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM FUND. ALL
12 UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND AT THE END OF
13 THE FISCAL YEAR REMAINS IN THE FUND AND IS NOT TRANSFERRED TO THE
14 GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND, AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY SPEND
15 THE MONEY WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION. THE DEPARTMENT HAS
16 CONTINUOUS SPENDING AUTHORITY OVER THE FUND.

17 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.