

CHAPTER 10

EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY

HOUSE BILL 22-1192

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also SENATOR(S) Moreno, Hansen, Rankin, Bridges, Buckner, Fenberg, Fields, Garcia, Ginal, Gonzales, Jaquez Lewis, Kolker, Pettersen, Story, Winter, Zenzinger.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE'S DISPLACED WORKERS GRANT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CODIFYING THE GRANT AND EXTENDING A RELATED EXISTING APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-3.3-1008 as follows:

23-3.3-1008. Displaced workers grant - repeal. (1) PURSUANT TO THE INITIATIVE'S INTENDED PURPOSE STATED IN SECTION 23-3.3-1001 (1)(a) AND AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SECTION 23-3.3-1004 (4)(a), THE INITIATIVE MAY PROVIDE DISPLACED WORKERS GRANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING COLORADANS DISPLACED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WHO HAVE AN INCENTIVE TO RESKILL, UPSKILL, OR COMPLETE INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS FOR THEMSELVES OR THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE INITIATIVE MUST DISPERSE GRANT AWARDS TO GRANT RECIPIENTS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS OR MORE FREQUENTLY, AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

(2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. In Session Laws of Colorado 2021, section 2 of chapter 318 (SB 21-232), **amend** (1) as follows:

Section 2. **Appropriation.** (1) (a) For the 2020-21 state fiscal year, ~~\$15,000,000~~ \$1,950,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use by the

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Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative advisory board. This appropriation is from the workers, employers, and workforce centers cash fund created in section 24-75-231 (2)(a), C.R.S., and ~~from~~ is of money the state received from the federal coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund. The Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative advisory board may use this appropriation for the Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative's displaced workers grant. ~~Any money appropriated in this section not expended prior to July 1, 2021, is further appropriated to the Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative advisory board for the 2021-22 state fiscal year for the same purpose.~~

(b) FOR THE 2021-22 STATE FISCAL YEAR, \$13,050,000 IS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR USE BY THE COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE ADVISORY BOARD. THIS APPROPRIATION IS FROM THE WORKERS, EMPLOYERS, AND WORKFORCE CENTERS CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-231 (2)(a), C.R.S., AND IS OF MONEY THE STATE RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND. THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY USE THIS APPROPRIATION FOR THE COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE'S DISPLACED WORKERS GRANT. ANY MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THIS SECTION NOT EXPENDED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2022, IS FURTHER APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR USE BY THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE 2022-23 AND 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEARS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

SECTION 3. 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.

Approved: March 7, 2022