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SENATE BILL 23-205

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR COLORADO HIGH  
102 SCHOOL GRADUATES THAT PRIORITIZES AWARDS FOR STUDENTS  
103 PURSUING HIGH-PRIORITY POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS.

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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 universal high school scholarship program (program) in the office of economic development (office) to provide scholarships for the 2024-25 academic year to students who pursue an in-demand or high-priority postsecondary pathway, including degrees, certificates, and registered apprenticeships, with a provider on the eligible

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.

training provider lists disseminated by the department of labor and employment, a provider in the Colorado state apprenticeship resource directory, a public or private institution of higher education operating in Colorado, or an organization approved by the office (service providers).

The office, or a vendor contracted by the office, administers the program. The office shall develop policies and procedures necessary to administer the program.

A student is eligible for the program if the student graduated from a Colorado high school or was awarded a high school equivalency credential during the 2023-24 academic year; completes the free application for federal student aid or the Colorado application for state financial aid; and did not receive a grant from the Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative.

Scholarships are awarded in the following priority: To all eligible students who intend to enroll at a service provider to pursue an in-demand or high-priority postsecondary pathway, then to other eligible students who intend to enroll at a service provider. Each scholarship award is for up to \$1,500. Scholarship money is distributed to the service provider for use by the student for tuition, fees, and books.

The bill requires the office to contract with vendors to provide postsecondary and career advising at schools identified by the office.

The bill requires the general assembly to appropriate \$25 million for the program.

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

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

4 (a) Colorado has one of the most talented workforces in the  
5 country, but there are not enough workers with the skills and training  
6 needed for jobs vacant now or in the future. There are currently two  
7 available jobs for every unemployed person in the state.

8 (b) Many available jobs in Colorado require a postsecondary  
9 education and training, but there are significant declines in high school  
10 graduates taking advantage of postsecondary education and training  
11 programs, with a ten percent decline from the 2019-20 academic year to  
12 the 2020-21 academic year;

1 (c) To begin to address the decline in participation in  
2 postsecondary education, Colorado must invest in homegrown talent,  
3 ensure the skills that Coloradans are being trained in match those that our  
4 industry partners require, and establish a deeper connection between  
5 talent development and industry needs. Colorado must prioritize the  
6 modernization of education to be more responsive to our business needs,  
7 as Colorado's industry partners are at the center of co-creating talent with  
8 education through apprenticeship and on-the-job training to accelerate  
9 skill development and secure in-demand skills.

10 (d) In recent years, Colorado has seen innovative partnerships  
11 between our educational institutions and employers that have led to  
12 quality career pathways for Colorado workers, and through Opportunity  
13 Now Colorado, the state is supporting these pathways at a regional level  
14 to meet the unique economic needs of every Colorado community;

15 (e) The universal high school scholarship program will build on  
16 prior initiatives to support recent graduates and equivalent completers to  
17 gain the skills needed to succeed in Colorado's high-demand career  
18 pathways. It will strengthen Colorado's workforce by helping students to  
19 identify and execute the postsecondary path that is right for them.

20 (f) The universal high school scholarship program will support all  
21 Coloradans to build and follow through on a postsecondary plan by  
22 reducing financial barriers to a wide selection of postsecondary  
23 opportunities, connecting graduating seniors to college and  
24 career-planning support, and elevating pathways to Colorado's most  
25 in-demand careers, both statewide and regionally.

26 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 5 to article  
27 48.5 of title 24 as follows:

1 PART 5

2 UNIVERSAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

3 **24-48.5-501. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 5, UNLESS THE  
4 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

5 (1) "ELIGIBLE STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR  
6 A SCHOLARSHIP AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-48.5-502 (4).

7 (2) "IN-DEMAND OR HIGH-PRIORITY POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS"  
8 MEANS THE POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS IDENTIFIED BY THE OFFICE  
9 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-48.5-502 (2)(b).

10 (3) "OFFICE" MEANS THE COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC  
11 DEVELOPMENT CREATED IN SECTION 24-48.5-101.

12 (4) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE UNIVERSAL HIGH SCHOOL  
13 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-48.5-502.

14 (5) "REGIONAL ENTITY" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT RECEIVES A  
15 GRANT PURSUANT TO THE REGIONAL TALENT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE  
16 GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN PART 4 OF THIS ARTICLE 48.5.

17 (6) "REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP" MEANS AN APPRENTICESHIP  
18 REGISTERED WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OR THE  
19 STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 8-15.7-102.

20 (7) "SERVICE PROVIDER" MEANS A PROVIDER INCLUDED IN THE  
21 ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LISTS DISSEMINATED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
22 OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-83-225 (1)(c), A  
23 PROVIDER INCLUDED IN THE COLORADO STATE APPRENTICESHIP RESOURCE  
24 DIRECTORY CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-83-308, A PUBLIC OR  
25 PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OPERATING IN COLORADO,  
26 OR AN ENTITY APPROVED AS A SERVICE PROVIDER PURSUANT TO SECTION  
27 24-48.5-502 (2)(c).

1           **24-48.5-502. Universal high school scholarship program -**

2           **established - administration - funding - eligibility.** (1) (a) THERE IS  
3 ESTABLISHED IN THE OFFICE THE UNIVERSAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP  
4 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT OFFSET A STUDENT'S COSTS  
5 ASSOCIATED WITH POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, A REGISTERED  
6 APPRENTICESHIP, OR TRAINING OR EDUCATION RELATED TO AN IN-DEMAND  
7 OR HIGH-PRIORITY POSTSECONDARY PATHWAY, AT A SERVICE PROVIDER.

8           (b) THE OFFICE SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM OR MAY  
9 CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE VENDORS TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

10 THE OFFICE OR VENDOR SHALL:

11           (I) MANAGE A STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS  
12 AND ALL RELATED FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING SCREENING FOR STUDENT  
13 ELIGIBILITY;

14           (II) AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR TO  
15 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-48.5-503 AND  
16 DISTRIBUTE THE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY TO THE SERVICE PROVIDER THAT  
17 HAS ENROLLED THE STUDENT FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OR  
18 ACCEPTED THE STUDENT FOR TRAINING;

19           (III) MANAGE A STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN IN  
20 PARTNERSHIP WITH REGIONAL ENTITIES TO ADVERTISE THE PROGRAM,  
21 RECRUIT APPLICANTS, AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO STUDENTS  
22 APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP OR NAVIGATING POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS;

23           (IV) VERIFY STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY COLLECTING A REPORT  
24 FROM EACH SERVICE PROVIDER ON THE STATUS OF EVERY SCHOLARSHIP  
25 RECIPIENT IN THE PROVIDER'S PROGRAM OF STUDY, WHICH MUST INCLUDE  
26 WHETHER EACH STUDENT COMPLETED THE PROGRAM OF STUDY,  
27 TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SERVICE PROVIDER, DROPPED OUT OF OR

1 REMAINS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM OF STUDY, OR HAS ANOTHER STATUS  
2 IDENTIFIED BY THE OFFICE, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY  
3 THE OFFICE; AND

4 (V) AUDIT, OR CONTRACT WITH A VENDOR TO AUDIT, SERVICE  
5 PROVIDERS TO ENSURE THAT SERVICE PROVIDERS COMPLY WITH ALL  
6 PROGRAM RULES AND REQUIREMENTS.

7 (2) (a) THE OFFICE SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
8 NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM. THE POLICIES AND  
9 PROCEDURES MUST INCLUDE:

10 (I) AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES, CRITERIA FOR  
11 IDENTIFYING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AWARD  
12 PRIORITIES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-48.5-503 (1)(a), AND A SCHEDULE  
13 FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS AND DISTRIBUTING SCHOLARSHIP MONEY;

14 (II) A LIST OF ENTITIES IDENTIFIED BY THE REGIONAL TALENT  
15 DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN PART 4 OF THIS  
16 ARTICLE 48.5 THAT THE OFFICE DETERMINES ARE SERVICE PROVIDERS  
17 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION; AND

18 (III) A LIST OF IN-DEMAND OR HIGH-PRIORITY POSTSECONDARY  
19 PATHWAYS.

20 (b) THE OFFICE SHALL IDENTIFY POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS THAT  
21 ARE IN-DEMAND OR HIGH-PRIORITY, BOTH STATEWIDE AND IN SPECIFIC  
22 REGIONS OF THE STATE. IN DETERMINING IN-DEMAND OR HIGH-PRIORITY  
23 POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS, THE OFFICE SHALL CONSIDER THE TOP JOBS  
24 LISTED IN THE MOST RECENT COLORADO TALENT REPORT PREPARED  
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46.3-103 AND THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF  
26 THE STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL TOP JOBS LIST PUBLISHED BY THE  
27 COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

1           (c) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO REVIEW AND  
2 APPROVE AS SERVICE PROVIDERS ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOT A PUBLIC  
3 OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OPERATING IN COLORADO  
4 AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LISTS OR  
5 THE COLORADO STATE APPRENTICESHIP RESOURCE DIRECTORY. IN ORDER  
6 TO BE APPROVED AS A SERVICE PROVIDER, AN ORGANIZATION MUST BE  
7 IDENTIFIED BY A REGIONAL ENTITY AND OFFER PROGRAMS FOR IN-DEMAND  
8 OR HIGH-PRIORITY POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS.

9           (3) (a) FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
10 SHALL APPROPRIATE TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL  
11 FUND FOR THE PROGRAM. ANY UNEXPENDED OR UNENCUMBERED MONEY  
12 APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a) REMAINS  
13 AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE IN THE 2024-25  
14 STATE FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION. EXCEPT AS  
15 OTHERWISE PERMITTED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3), THE OFFICE SHALL USE  
16 THE MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

17           (b) THE OFFICE SHALL USE TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
18 DOLLARS OF THE MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM FOR  
19 POSTSECONDARY AND CAREER ADVISING AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
20 24-48.5-504.

21           (c) THE OFFICE MAY, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023, EXPEND  
22 MONEY FROM THE PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE DIRECT AND  
23 INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
24 PROGRAM; EXCEPT THAT EXPENDITURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS  
25 SHALL NOT EXCEED SIX PERCENT OF THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION. THE  
26 OFFICE SHALL USE THE MONEY DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3)(c) THAT  
27 WAS NOT SPENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31,

1 2023, FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

2 (4) A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP IF THE STUDENT:

3 (a) DURING THE 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR, GRADUATED FROM A  
4 COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL OR WAS AWARDED A HIGH SCHOOL  
5 EQUIVALENCY CREDENTIAL AWARDED BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT  
6 OF EDUCATION;

7 (b) COMPLETES THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID  
8 OR THE COLORADO APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID;

9 (c) DID NOT RECEIVE A GRANT OR SCHOLARSHIP PURSUANT TO  
10 PART 10 OF ARTICLE 3.3 OF TITLE 23 FOR THE 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR;  
11 AND

12 (d) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP PURSUANT TO  
13 THE PROGRAM.

14 (5) (a) SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MAY ONLY BE USED AT A SERVICE  
15 PROVIDER.

16 (b) A SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROGRAM  
17 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND WITH ALL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
18 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION. A SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL SUBMIT TO AN  
19 AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OR VENDOR CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
20 (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (c) THE OFFICE, OR A VENDOR CONTRACTED TO ADMINISTER THE  
22 PROGRAM, MAY REMOVE SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP IF  
23 THE SERVICE PROVIDER IS DETERMINED TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
24 PROGRAM RULES AND REQUIREMENTS.

25 **24-48.5-503. Program scholarship award - selection criteria -**  
26 **amount - use of award.** (1) (a) THE OFFICE OR VENDOR SHALL ACCEPT  
27 AND REVIEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AND AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS IN



1 ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFFICE'S PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

2 THE OFFICE OR VENDOR SHALL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO:

3 (I) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO INTEND TO ENROLL OR TRAIN AT A  
4 SERVICE PROVIDER TO PURSUE AN IN-DEMAND OR HIGH-PRIORITY  
5 POSTSECONDARY PATHWAY, INCLUDING STUDENTS WHO INTEND TO  
6 ENROLL FULL-TIME AND THOSE WHO INTEND TO ENROLL PART-TIME; AND

7 (II) AFTER AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS  
8 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, TO ELIGIBLE  
9 STUDENTS WHO INTEND TO ENROLL OR TRAIN AT A SERVICE PROVIDER IN  
10 A PROGRAM OF STUDY THAT IS NOT ALIGNED TO AN IN-DEMAND OR  
11 HIGH-PRIORITY POSTSECONDARY PATHWAY.

12 (b) THE OFFICE OR VENDOR SHALL NOT REQUIRE A STUDENT TO  
13 DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP AND SHALL  
14 NOT CONSIDER AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT'S FINANCIAL NEED IN DETERMINING  
15 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

16 (2) (a) EACH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED IS FOR ONE THOUSAND FIVE  
17 HUNDRED DOLLARS; EXCEPT THAT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY DISTRIBUTED  
18 TO THE SERVICE PROVIDER PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS  
19 SECTION MUST NOT BE GREATER THAN THE STUDENT'S TOTAL COST OF  
20 TUITION, FEES, BOOKS, AND EQUIPMENT REMAINING AFTER THE STUDENT  
21 HAS APPLIED ALL OTHER FINANCIAL AID, INCLUDING A FEDERAL PELL  
22 GRANT.

23 (b) SCHOLARSHIP MONEY IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE SERVICE  
24 PROVIDER FOR USE BY THE STUDENT.

25 (3) (a) A STUDENT MAY USE A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR TUITION,  
26 FEES, BOOKS, AND EQUIPMENT AT A SERVICE PROVIDER.

27 (b) SCHOLARSHIP MONEY MUST BE EXPENDED NO LATER THAN

1 JULY 31, 2025. ON AUGUST 1, 2025, A SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL RETURN  
2 ALL UNUSED SCHOLARSHIP MONEY TO THE OFFICE.

3 **24-48.5-504. Postsecondary and career advising.** (1) THE  
4 OFFICE SHALL CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE VENDORS TO PROVIDE  
5 POSTSECONDARY AND CAREER ADVISING TO COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL  
6 STUDENTS WHO MAY BE LESS LIKELY TO PURSUE A POSTSECONDARY  
7 EDUCATION.

8 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL IDENTIFY SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE  
9 POSTSECONDARY ADVISING SUPPORT. THE OFFICE MAY USE MULTIPLE  
10 CRITERIA TO IDENTIFY SCHOOLS, INCLUDING DECLINES IN POSTSECONDARY  
11 PARTICIPATION BY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, STUDENT POPULATION SIZE,  
12 ECONOMIC NEED, OR ANY OTHER CRITERIA AS DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE.  
13 THE OFFICE SHALL CONTACT SCHOOLS ELIGIBLE FOR ADVISING PURSUANT  
14 TO THE PROGRAM AND WITH THE SCHOOL'S, AND IN IF APPLICABLE, THE  
15 SCHOOL DISTRICT'S, PERMISSION, DESIGNATE VENDORS TO PROVIDE  
16 ADVISING IN THE SCHOOL.

17 (3) A VENDOR SHALL PROVIDE ONE-ON-ONE ADVISING TO  
18 STUDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO INTEND TO PURSUE A TWO-YEAR OR  
19 FOUR-YEAR DEGREE, WORKFORCE OR TECHNICAL TRAINING, OR A  
20 MILITARY PATHWAY. THE ADVISING MUST INCLUDE INFORMING STUDENTS  
21 ABOUT IN-DEMAND OR HIGH-PRIORITY PATHWAYS, INCLUDING IN-DEMAND  
22 OCCUPATIONS BY REGION.

23 **24-48.5-505. Service provider report - program report.** (1) ON  
24 OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2025, EACH SERVICE PROVIDER THAT RECEIVED  
25 PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP MONEY ON BEHALF OF A STUDENT SHALL REPORT  
26 TO THE OFFICE, FOR EACH STUDENT, THE STUDENT'S STATUS IN THE  
27 STUDENT'S PROGRAM OF STUDY AT THE SERVICE PROVIDER AND ANY

1 OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE.

2 (2) (a) IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT BEFORE THE HOUSE AND SENATE  
3 COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203, THE OFFICE  
4 SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING, IF  
5 AVAILABLE:

6 (I) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A  
7 SCHOLARSHIP;

8 (II) A LIST OF SERVICE PROVIDERS;

9 (III) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED BY EACH SERVICE  
10 PROVIDER AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED WITH OR RECEIVING  
11 TRAINING FROM EACH PROVIDER;

12 (IV) THE POSTSECONDARY PATHWAY BEING PURSUED BY EACH  
13 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, AGGREGATED BY PATHWAY;

14 (V) EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS; AND

15 (VI) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP  
16 PROGRAM THE OFFICE DETERMINES IS APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE IN THE  
17 REPORT.

18 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE  
19 REPORTING REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) CONTINUES  
20 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026.

21 **24-48.5-506. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 5 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
22 DECEMBER 31, 2026.

23 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
25 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
26 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
27 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this

1 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
2 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
3 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.