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**HOUSE BILL 16-1267**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Woods and Carroll**, Cadman

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**House Committees**

Business Affairs and Labor  
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101       **CONCERNING THE "COLORADO VETERANS' SERVICE-TO-CAREER**  
102               **PILOT PROGRAM", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING**  
103               **A GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**  
104               **EMPLOYMENT TO AID WORK FORCE CENTERS IN SUPPORTING**  
105               **VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES SEEKING NEW EMPLOYMENT AND**  
106               **CAREERS.**

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)*

The bill creates the Colorado veterans' service-to-career pilot

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

program (program) for the purpose of enhancing work force center services that are not available under federal law. The department of labor and employment will select one or more work force centers to contract with a nonprofit agency to administer the program. Work force centers selected by the department and the nonprofit agency shall develop and expand programs to provide work force development-related services specifically tailored to the unique needs and talents of veterans, spouses, and other eligible participants. The services provided by the program may include:

- ! Skills training;
- ! Opportunities for apprenticeship placements;
- ! Opportunities for internship placements;
- ! Opportunities for work placements with businesses or other organizations; and
- ! Support services.

The department shall develop a grant program so that work force centers may apply for money to administer the program. Money for the internships and apprenticeships may come from the employer, federal money, and grant money through the general fund. The bill outlines specific requirements that work force centers must meet in order to apply to the grant program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 2 to article  
3 14.3 of title 8 as follows:

4 **PART 2**

5 **COLORADO VETERANS' SERVICE-TO-CAREER**

6 **PILOT PROGRAM**

7 **8-14.3-201. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 2 IS THE  
8 "COLORADO VETERANS' SERVICE-TO-CAREER PILOT PROGRAM".

9 **8-14.3-202. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2, UNLESS THE  
10 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

11 (1) "ACT" MEANS THE "WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND  
12 OPPORTUNITY ACT", PUB.L. 113-128.

13 (2) "APPRENTICESHIP" MEANS AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

1 PROGRAM REGISTERED WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
2 OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING.

3 (3) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
4 EMPLOYMENT.

5 (4) "ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT" MEANS:

6 (a) A VETERAN'S DEPENDENT CHILD WHO IS TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF  
7 AGE OR YOUNGER AND LIVES IN THE HOME OF THE VETERAN; AND

8 (b) A VETERAN'S CAREGIVER WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR  
9 OLDER AND HAS SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING THE  
10 WELL-BEING OF AN INJURED VETERAN.

11 (5) "INTEGRATED SERVICE AND SUPPORT CENTER" MEANS A  
12 NONPROFIT CENTER THAT IS AFFILIATED WITH A WORK FORCE CENTER AND  
13 VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS OR PROVIDES FINANCIAL CLASSES OR HOUSES  
14 A SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

15 (6) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLORADO VETERANS' SERVICE TO  
16 CAREER PILOT PROGRAM THAT IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE WORK FORCE  
17 CENTER SERVICES THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE UNDER THE ACT.

18 (7) "SPOUSE" MEANS A VETERAN'S CURRENT SPOUSE OR FORMER  
19 SPOUSE WHO IS CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR VETERANS BENEFITS.

20 (8) "VETERAN" MEANS A PERSON WHO ACTIVELY SERVED IN THE  
21 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND WHO WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED  
22 UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
23 U.S.C. TITLE 38, AS AMENDED. "VETERAN" INCLUDES A PERSON SERVING  
24 OR WHO SERVED IN THE NATIONAL GUARD OR AS A RESERVIST.

25 (9) "WORK FORCE CENTER" MEANS A WORK FORCE CENTER  
26 CREATED BY A WORK FORCE INVESTMENT BOARD PURSUANT TO THE  
27 "COLORADO WORK FORCE INVESTMENT ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 83 OF

1 THIS TITLE.

2 **8-14.3-203. Colorado veterans' service to career pilot**  
3 **program.** (1) ONE OR MORE WORK FORCE CENTERS SELECTED BY THE  
4 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THE GRANT PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY THE  
5 DEPARTMENT IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION MAY CONTRACT WITH  
6 A NONPROFIT AGENCY TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM. WORK FORCE  
7 CENTERS SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE NONPROFIT AGENCY  
8 SHALL DEVELOP AND EXPAND PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE WORK FORCE  
9 DEVELOPMENT-RELATED SERVICES SPECIFICALLY TAILORED TO THE  
10 UNIQUE NEEDS AND TALENTS OF VETERANS, SPOUSES, AND ELIGIBLE  
11 PARTICIPANTS. THE SERVICES MAY INCLUDE:

12 (a) SKILLS TRAINING;

13 (b) OPPORTUNITIES FOR APPRENTICESHIP PLACEMENTS, INCLUDING  
14 AN APPRENTICESHIP THAT ALLOWS FOR DIRECT ENTRY OF VETERANS  
15 PURSUANT TO 38 U.S.C. SEC. 4104A;

16 (c) OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS FOR A SPECIFIED  
17 AND LIMITED TIME PERIOD AS LONG AS THE TASKS PERFORMED BY THE  
18 INTERN DO NOT REPLACE THE TASKS CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY A PAID  
19 CONTRACTOR OR EMPLOYEE;

20 (d) OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK PLACEMENTS WITH BUSINESSES OR  
21 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS; AND

22 (e) SUPPORT SERVICES, AS NEEDED.

23 (2) (a) IF AN INTERNSHIP, AS ALLOWABLE UNDER THE ACT, IS NOT  
24 FULLY FUNDED BY THE EMPLOYER, THE EMPLOYER AND THE WORK FORCE  
25 CENTER SHALL SHARE THE COST OF THE HOURLY WAGE OR STIPEND FOR  
26 THE VETERAN, SPOUSE, OR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
27 WORK FORCE CENTER AND AS PERMITTED UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL

1 LAW.

2 (b) IF A VETERAN, SPOUSE, OR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT IS ELIGIBLE  
3 FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE ACT, THIS FUNDING MUST BE USED FIRST. IF  
4 FUNDING IS NOT AVAILABLE OR IS LIMITED UNDER THE ACT, THE VETERAN,  
5 SPOUSE, OR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT MAY USE PROGRAM FUNDING.

6 (3) THE WORK FORCE CENTERS SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
7 AND THE NONPROFIT AGENCY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ADDITIONALLY  
8 PROVIDE SERVICES THAT INCLUDE:

- 9 (a) JOB FAIRS;
- 10 (b) MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH PROFESSIONALS;
- 11 (c) PROFESSIONAL AND INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC SEMINARS;
- 12 (d) CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING; AND
- 13 (e) COUNSELING ON EDUCATIONAL AND SKILLS TRAINING  
14 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO VETERANS, SPOUSES, AND ELIGIBLE  
15 PARTICIPANTS.

16 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A GRANT PROGRAM SO THAT  
17 WORK FORCE CENTERS MAY APPLY FOR MONEY TO ADMINISTER THE  
18 PROGRAM. EACH WORK FORCE CENTER THAT WISHES TO ADMINISTER THE  
19 GRANT PROGRAM MUST SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION THAT:

- 20 (a) DESCRIBES THE CURRENT SERVICES THAT THE WORK FORCE  
21 CENTER OFFERS;
- 22 (b) STATES HOW THE GRANT MONEY WOULD ENABLE THE WORK  
23 FORCE CENTER TO EXPAND ITS SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE  
24 PROGRAM;
- 25 (c) DESCRIBES BUSINESSES OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IT IS  
26 PARTNERING WITH TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SERVICES; AND
- 27 (d) ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE

1 DEPARTMENT.

2 (5) IN SELECTING WORK FORCE CENTERS TO ADMINISTER THE  
3 PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE TO A WORK FORCE  
4 CENTER THAT:

5 (a) PARTNERS WITH A NONPROFIT AGENCY THAT IS AN  
6 INTEGRATED SERVICE AND SUPPORT CENTER FOR VETERANS AND THEIR  
7 FAMILIES;

8 (b) IS LOCATED IN A COMMUNITY WITH LARGE MILITARY  
9 INSTALLATIONS IN ORDER TO SERVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VETERANS;

10 (c) HAS EXISTING PROGRAMS OR PARTNERSHIPS WITH BUSINESSES  
11 OR ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES  
12 APPROPRIATE TO THE PROGRAM; AND

13 (d) HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF WORK FORCE  
14 DEVELOPMENT-RELATED SERVICES TAILORED TO THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF  
15 VETERANS, SPOUSES, AND ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.

16 (6) EACH WORK FORCE CENTER CHOSEN TO RECEIVE A GRANT  
17 SHALL USE THE MONEY FOR DIRECT SERVICES TO VETERANS, SPOUSES, AND  
18 ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS. EACH WORK FORCE CENTER CHOSEN TO RECEIVE  
19 A GRANT SHALL REPORT ON THE SERVICES OFFERED; VETERAN, SPOUSE,  
20 AND ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT PARTICIPATION; THE PROGRAM'S SUCCESS  
21 MEASURED THROUGH GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN  
22 SKILLS TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OF VETERANS, SPOUSES,  
23 AND ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS; AND ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS THAT THE  
24 DEPARTMENT DEEMS NECESSARY. THE REPORTS SHALL BE MADE TO THE  
25 DEPARTMENT, WHICH SHALL RELAY ALL INFORMATION FROM THE REPORTS  
26 ANNUALLY TO THE STATE, VETERANS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
27 COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OR TO

1 THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

2 **8-14.3-204. Appropriation.** FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON  
3 JULY 1, 2016, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MAKE A ONE-TIME  
4 APPROPRIATION OF EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE  
5 GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR THE PROGRAM. THE  
6 DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO USE UP TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE MONEY  
7 APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND  
8 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO  
9 THIS SECTION. UP TO SEVEN PERCENT OF THE MONEY MAY ALSO BE USED  
10 BY THE WORK FORCE CENTER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED BY  
11 THE WORK FORCE CENTER AND THE NONPROFIT AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT  
12 AND OPERATE THE PROGRAM. ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED  
13 MONEY FROM AN APPROPRIATION MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
14 REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
15 PROGRAM IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION.

16 **8-14.3-205. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 2 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
17 JANUARY 1, 2019.

18 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-14.3-101, **amend**  
19 the introductory portion as follows:

20 **8-14.3-101. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ PART 1, unless the  
21 context otherwise requires:

22 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 8-14.3-103  
23 as follows:

24 **8-14.3-103. Repeal of article.** This ~~article~~ PART 1 is repealed,  
25 effective January 1, 2018.

26 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
27 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
2 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.