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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM FOR CAPITAL COSTS  
102 RELATING TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

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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 creates the career and technical education capital grant program (program) in the department of labor and employment. The state work force development council (state council) will award grants through the program to area technical colleges, school districts, and community colleges to use for equipment, or construction and maintenance of buildings, related to career and technical education. In awarding grants,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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the state council will prioritize applicants from rural areas of the state and consider each applicant's demonstrated need. For each year in which it awards grants, the state council must publish a report that identifies the grant recipients and how the grant money was used.

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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 5 to article  
3 46.3 of title 24 as follows:

4 **PART 5**

5 **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

6 **CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM**

7 **24-46.3-501. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 5, UNLESS THE  
8 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 (1) "AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS  
10 PROVIDED IN SECTION 23-60-103.

11 (2) "CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION" MEANS TRAINING AND  
12 RETRAINING THAT IS CONDUCTED AS A PART OF A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO  
13 PREPARE INDIVIDUALS FOR GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AS SEMISKILLED OR  
14 SKILLED WORKERS OR TECHNICIANS IN RECOGNIZED OCCUPATIONS;  
15 EXCEPT THAT "CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE  
16 A PROGRAM TO PREPARE INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN OCCUPATIONS  
17 GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE PROFESSIONAL OR THAT REQUIRE A  
18 BACCALAUREATE OR HIGHER DEGREE.

19 (3) "COMMUNITY COLLEGE" MEANS A POSTSECONDARY  
20 INSTITUTION THAT IS WITHIN THE STATE SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY AND  
21 TECHNICAL COLLEGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE BOARD FOR  
22 COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION AS PROVIDED IN  
23 ARTICLE 60 OF TITLE 23.

1 (4) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
2 EMPLOYMENT CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-121.

3 (5) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
4 CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-502.

5 (6) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZED  
6 AND EXISTING AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 30 OF TITLE 22.

7 (7) "STATE COUNCIL" MEANS THE STATE WORK FORCE  
8 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-101.

9 **24-46.3-502. Career and technical education capital grant**  
10 **program - created.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE  
11 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM TO  
12 PROVIDE MONEY TO AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES,  
13 AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR PURCHASING OR LEASING EQUIPMENT  
14 REQUIRED FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION RELATED TO A  
15 RECOGNIZED OCCUPATION OR FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
16 A BUILDING THAT IS USED FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

17 (2) THE STATE COUNCIL SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM BY:

18 (a) ADOPTING GUIDELINES BY WHICH AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGES,  
19 COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, INDIVIDUALLY OR IN  
20 COMBINATION, MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE PROGRAM;

21 (b) REVIEWING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED; AND

22 (c) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, AWARDED GRANTS  
23 AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (3) IN AWARDED GRANTS THROUGH THE PROGRAM, THE STATE  
25 COUNCIL SHALL FIRST AWARD GRANTS TO APPLICANTS THAT ARE LOCATED  
26 IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE, AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE COUNCIL.  
27 THE STATE COUNCIL SHALL ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LEVEL OF

1 FINANCIAL NEED DEMONSTRATED BY EACH APPLICANT.

2 (4) THE STATE COUNCIL SHALL ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTE THROUGH  
3 THE PROGRAM SUCH AMOUNT AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY  
4 APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROGRAM, LESS UP TO THREE PERCENT, WHICH THE  
5 DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND FOR ANY DIRECT COSTS INCURRED IN  
6 ASSISTING THE STATE COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

7 **24-46.3-503. Career and technical education capital grant**  
8 **program - report.** (1) FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE STATE  
9 COUNCIL AWARDS GRANTS THROUGH THE PROGRAM, THE STATE COUNCIL  
10 SHALL PREPARE A REPORT THAT IDENTIFIES THE TOTAL AMOUNT  
11 APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM, THE GRANT RECIPIENTS AND THE  
12 AMOUNT AWARDED TO EACH RECIPIENT, AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH  
13 EACH RECIPIENT USED THE GRANT MONEY. THE STATE COUNCIL SHALL  
14 SUBMIT COPIES OF THE REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE  
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE  
16 AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND  
17 SHALL POST A COPY OF THE REPORT ON ITS WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW.

18 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-1-136  
19 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION CONTINUES  
20 INDEFINITELY.

21 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
24 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
27 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
2 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.