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HOUSE BILL 18-1292

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(None),

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE PILOT STATE ACCESS TO  
102 RESOURCES AND TRAINING (START) GRANT PROGRAM FOR  
103 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

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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 state access to resources and training grant program for persons experiencing homelessness (START grant program) in the department of local affairs (department). The purpose of the START grant program is to make grant money available to public safety, social services, or nonprofit agencies that have contact with persons

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 STATE ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND TRAINING (START) GRANT PROGRAM  
2 FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
3 24-32-3603.

4 (3) "PERSON EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS" MEANS A PERSON  
5 WHO DOES NOT HAVE A FIXED OR REGULAR RESIDENCE AND WHO MAY LIVE  
6 ON THE STREET OR OUTDOORS, IN A HOMELESS SHELTER OR OTHER  
7 TEMPORARY RESIDENCE, IN A VEHICLE, OR IN AN ENCLOSURE OR  
8 STRUCTURE THAT IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

9 (4) "START GRANT" MEANS A GRANT AWARDED TO A PUBLIC  
10 SAFETY, SOCIAL SERVICES, OR NONPROFIT AGENCY THAT HAS CONTACT  
11 WITH PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
12 24-32-3603.

13 **24-32-3603. START grant program for persons experiencing**  
14 **homelessness - established - criteria - administration.** (1) THE STATE  
15 ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND TRAINING (START) GRANT PROGRAM FOR  
16 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS ESTABLISHED IN AND TO BE  
17 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE GOAL OF THE START GRANT  
18 PROGRAM IS TO MAKE GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SAFETY,  
19 SOCIAL SERVICES, OR NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT HAVE CONTACT WITH  
20 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. START GRANT MONEY MUST BE  
21 USED TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE  
22 TO PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE START GRANT PROGRAM  
23 IS ALSO DESIGNED TO ASSIST SUCH AGENCIES IN DEVELOPING AND  
24 INSTITUTING COMMUNITY-CENTERED PROGRAMS WITH PROACTIVE  
25 SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS EXPERIENCING  
26 HOMELESSNESS AND MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO,  
27 TRAINING, WORK PROGRAMS, HOUSING VOUCHERS, TRANSPORTATION,

1 COUNSELING OR THERAPY, AND FOOD ASSISTANCE. THE DEPARTMENT  
2 SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF  
3 GRANT APPLICATIONS BY PUBLIC SAFETY, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND  
4 NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT HAVE CONTACT WITH PERSONS EXPERIENCING  
5 HOMELESSNESS, AS WELL AS THE CRITERIA FOR THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF  
6 GRANT AWARDS. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A START GRANT, AN  
7 APPLICANT SHALL CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE A PLAN FOR COLLABORATION  
8 WITH MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY COURTS, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOCAL  
9 HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES, OR NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT  
10 HAVE CONTACT WITH PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

11 (2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A START GRANT, AN APPLICANT SHALL  
12 APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES AND  
13 TIMELINES DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
14 (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

15 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE APPLICANT WILL UTILIZE FUNDING  
16 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES TO CONTACT  
17 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;

18 (b) THE APPLICANT'S PLAN TO PROVIDE PROACTIVE SOLUTIONS AND  
19 ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;

20 (c) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE APPLICANT WILL COLLABORATE  
21 WITH MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY COURTS, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOCAL  
22 HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES, AND NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT  
23 HAVE CONTACT WITH PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; AND

24 (d) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

25 (3) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2019, AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
26 APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT AND AWARD START  
27 GRANTS TO AT LEAST FIVE BUT NO MORE THAN TEN PUBLIC SAFETY, SOCIAL

1 SERVICES, OR NONPROFIT AGENCIES THAT HAVE CONTACT WITH PERSONS  
2 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD GRANTS  
3 IN VARYING AMOUNTS, NONE OF WHICH MAY EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE  
4 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

5 (4) A START GRANT RECIPIENT MAY USE GRANT MONEY IN WAYS  
6 IT DEEMS MOST BENEFICIAL FOR THE COMMUNITY; EXCEPT THAT A GRANT  
7 RECIPIENT SHALL NOT USE GRANT MONEY IN THE FORM OF DIRECT CASH TO  
8 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

9 **24-32-3604. Funding.** THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY  
10 APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE MARIJUANA TAX  
11 CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 39-28.8-501 FOR THE START GRANT  
12 PROGRAM FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

13 **24-32-3605. Reporting requirements.** ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER  
14 1, 2020, EACH RECIPIENT OF A START GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO  
15 SECTION 24-32-3603 SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT A SUMMARY OF  
16 THE START GRANT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED  
17 TO THE NUMBER OF PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HELPED  
18 THROUGH THE START GRANT AND ANY COST SAVINGS REALIZED FOR  
19 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SUCH AS COURTS, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT,  
20 LOCAL HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES, AND NONPROFIT AGENCIES  
21 THAT HAVE CONTACT WITH PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. ON  
22 OR BEFORE JANUARY 30, 2021, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE A  
23 SUMMARY REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE START GRANT PROGRAM  
24 IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO THE APPROPRIATE  
25 COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203.

26 **24-32-3606. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 36 IS REPEALED,  
27 EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2021.

1           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
4 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
9 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.