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HOUSE BILL 18-1316

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE SKILLED WORKER TRAINING**
102 **PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**
103 **EMPLOYMENT.**

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>.)

Under current law, the department of labor and employment administers the skilled worker, outreach, recruitment, and key training (WORK) grant program, which provides matching grants to eligible public or private entities or organizations that provide skilled worker training programs in partnership with industry. The general assembly is

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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directed to appropriate \$10 million for the WORK grant program for the 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 fiscal years.

The bill:

- ! Extends the program for 3 fiscal years;
- ! Specifies deadlines for the department to award and issue matching grants to recipients;
- ! Requires, instead of permits, the department to develop an expedited application process for award recipients seeking to extend or increase an existing grant award; and
- ! Requires the general assembly to appropriate an additional \$10 million for the WORK grant program for the 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 fiscal years and specifies how the money available for matching grants must be allocated.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-303, **add** (2.5)
3 as follows:

4 **8-83-303. Definitions.** As used in this part 3 unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (2.5) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE STATE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT
7 COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-101.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-304, **amend**
9 (1)(b)(I), (1)(d), and (2) as follows:

10 **8-83-304. Skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key**
11 **training grant program - creation - award criteria.** (1) (b) (I) ~~For the~~
12 ~~2015-16 through 2018-19~~ fiscal years, The department shall administer
13 the grant program by accepting and processing matching grant
14 applications submitted pursuant to this section, and the grant review
15 committee shall review and make recommendations for awarding
16 matching grants. The department shall develop application guidelines,
17 ~~and~~ establish deadlines for the grant program, and ~~may~~ develop an
18 expedited application process in accordance with subsection (1)(d) of this

1 section.

2 (d) Notwithstanding the requirements of the "Procurement Code",
3 articles 101 to 112 of title 24, the department ~~may~~ SHALL use an expedited
4 ~~procedure for accepting and reviewing an application~~ APPLICATIONS
5 ~~from an eligible applicant that received matching grant awards in the~~
6 ~~2015-16 or 2016-17 fiscal year and is applying for an additional matching~~
7 ~~grant or to extend a matching grant award under an existing agreement if~~
8 ~~APPLICANTS.~~

9 ~~(I) The eligible applicant demonstrates positive outcomes~~
10 ~~resulting from its receipt and use of matching grants under the WORK~~
11 ~~grant program;~~

12 ~~(II) The eligible applicant demonstrates that all organizations that~~
13 ~~were named in the original grant application agree to participate in an~~
14 ~~expedited application process; and~~

15 ~~(III) The WORK grant review committee approves the use of an~~
16 ~~expedited application process for the eligible applicant.~~

17 (2) ~~No later than January 1, 2016, and no later than each January~~
18 ~~1 thereafter through January 1, 2018,~~ The department shall start accepting
19 grant applications for matching grants ~~to be awarded~~ BY JANUARY 1 OF
20 EACH YEAR; SHALL AWARD GRANTS pursuant to section 8-83-305 WITHIN
21 NINETY DAYS, BUT no later than the April 1, following the application
22 submittal deadline; AND SHALL ISSUE GRANT AWARDS TO RECIPIENTS
23 WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER NOTIFYING THE AWARD RECIPIENTS OF
24 THE GRANT AWARD.

25 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-305, **amend** (1)
26 introductory portion, (1)(i), and (2)(c) as follows:

27 **8-83-305. Skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key**

1 **training grant review committee - creation - membership - duties -**

2 **grant award recommendations.** (1) There is created the skilled worker
3 outreach, recruitment, and key training grant review committee, also
4 referred to as the "WORK grant review committee". The grant review
5 committee consists of thirteen members appointed by the ~~governor~~
6 COUNCIL as follows:

7 (i) One member of the ~~state work force development council.~~
8 ~~created in section 24-46.3-101, C.R.S.~~

9 (2) (c) (I) After reviewing the grant applications AND SUBJECT TO
10 SUBSECTION (2)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION, the grant review committee shall
11 make recommendations about which eligible applicants should be
12 awarded matching grants and the amounts of the matching grants. ~~which~~
13 Recommendations shall be based on the committee's determination as to
14 which eligible applicants best satisfy the grant criteria pursuant to
15 ~~paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (2)~~ SUBSECTIONS (2)(a) AND
16 (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION. The grant review committee shall submit its
17 recommendations to ~~THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH~~
18 ~~INCLUDES~~ the executive directors of the departments of labor and
19 employment and higher education and the director of the office. After
20 considering the grant review committee's recommendations AND SUBJECT
21 TO SUBSECTION (2)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION, the executive ~~directors and the~~
22 ~~director~~ COMMITTEE shall ~~jointly~~ determine to whom and in what amounts
23 to award matching grants. Grants shall be awarded WITHIN NINETY DAYS,
24 BUT no later than the April 1, following the application submittal
25 deadline, ~~AND, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE,~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE
26 THE GRANT AWARDS WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER NOTIFYING THE
27 AWARD RECIPIENTS OF THE GRANT AWARDS.

1 (II) FOR THE 2018-19, 2019-20, AND 2020-21 FISCAL YEARS, THE
2 GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL ENSURE, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE,
3 THAT IT RECOMMENDS MATCHING GRANT AMOUNTS, AND THE EXECUTIVE
4 DIRECTORS AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE SHALL ENSURE, TO THE EXTENT
5 POSSIBLE, THAT THEY AWARD MATCHING GRANTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
6 THE ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE MONEY IN THE WORK FUND SPECIFIED
7 IN SECTION 8-83-307 (3)(b).

8 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-306, **amend** (2)
9 introductory portion; and **add** (3) as follows:

10 **8-83-306. Reports.** (2) ~~By May 1, 2017, and by each May 1~~
11 ~~thereafter through May 1, 2020~~ BY DECEMBER 31, 2018, AND BY EACH
12 DECEMBER 31 THEREAFTER, the grant review committee shall submit, AS
13 PART OF THE COLORADO TALENT PIPELINE REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT
14 TO SECTION 24-46.3-103, an annual report to the governor, the senate
15 committee on business, labor, and technology or its successor committee,
16 and the house of representatives committee on business affairs and labor
17 or its successor committee. The grant review committee shall include in
18 the report at least the following information:

19 (3) SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I) DOES NOT APPLY TO THE
20 REPORTING REQUIREMENT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

21 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-307, **amend**
22 (1)(b), (3), and (5) as follows:

23 **8-83-307. Skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key**
24 **training grant program fund - creation.** (1) (b) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED
25 IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION, the ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund ~~are~~ IS
26 subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly to the department
27 for the direct and indirect costs associated with implementing this part 3.

1 (3) (a) For the ~~2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18~~ 2018-19, 2019-20,
2 AND 2020-21 fiscal years, the general assembly shall appropriate a total
3 of ten million dollars to the fund, OF WHICH NOT MORE THAN THREE
4 MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MAY BE APPROPRIATED IN
5 ANY GIVEN FISCAL YEAR.

6 (b) THE MONEY IN THE FUND THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR MATCHING
7 GRANTS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, TO ELIGIBLE
8 APPLICANTS APPROVED FOR A MATCHING GRANT AWARD PURSUANT TO
9 SECTION 8-83-305 (2)(c) AS FOLLOWS:

10 (I) TWO-THIRDS TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS THAT WERE AWARDED
11 MATCHING GRANTS IN A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR; AND

12 (II) ONE-THIRD TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS THAT HAVE NOT
13 RECEIVED A MATCHING GRANT PREVIOUSLY.

14 (5) Any unexpended and unencumbered ~~moneys~~ MONEY
15 remaining in the WORK fund at the end of a fiscal year ~~remain~~ REMAINS
16 in the fund and shall not be credited or transferred to the general fund or
17 another fund. UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY FROM AN
18 APPROPRIATION MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION
19 REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE NEXT
20 FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION.

21 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.