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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER IN GRAND JUNCTION,
102 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The bill provides that on and after November 1, 2018, the division of veterans affairs in the department of military and veterans affairs may operate a veterans one-stop center in Grand Junction for the purpose of providing a central and accessible location where veterans, service members, and their family members in the western portion of the state may have access to assistance and

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resources.

The veterans one-stop center in Grand Junction is repealed, effective September 1, 2023. Before its repeal, the department of regulatory agencies shall review the veterans one-stop center.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 28-5-713 as
3 follows:

4 **28-5-713. Grand Junction veterans one-stop center -**
5 **definitions - advisory board - fund - definition - repeal.** (1) (a) ON
6 AND AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2018, THE DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MAY
7 OPERATE A VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER IN GRAND JUNCTION FOR THE
8 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A CENTRAL AND ACCESSIBLE LOCATION WHERE
9 VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE
10 WESTERN PORTION OF THE STATE MAY HAVE ACCESS TO ASSISTANCE AND
11 RESOURCES. THE DIVISION SHALL OPERATE THE VETERANS ONE-STOP
12 CENTER SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY. THE DIVISION MAY STAFF THE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER
14 WITH EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS
15 AFFAIRS, OR THE DIVISION MAY CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE PRIVATE
16 VENDORS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FACILITY.

17 (b) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
18 OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE VETERANS ONE-STOP
19 CENTER, THE DEPARTMENT, AS A FUNCTION OF THE VETERANS ONE-STOP
20 CENTER, MAY PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO ELIGIBLE MILITARY
21 MEMBERS, RETIREES, AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, WHICH
22 IDENTIFICATION CARDS ARE ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
23 OF DEFENSE.

1 (c) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER"
2 MEANS A FACILITY WHERE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NONPROFIT AND
3 ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATE
4 TO OFFER SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN A CONVENIENT
5 CENTRAL LOCATION. SERVICES OFFERED AT THE VETERANS ONE-STOP
6 CENTER MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, ASSISTANCE FOR
7 VETERANS IN SECURING FEDERAL BENEFITS, COUNSELING SERVICES,
8 EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT, EDUCATION, LIFE SKILLS, AND WELLNESS
9 SUPPORT.

10 (2) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2018, THE DIVISION OF VETERANS
11 AFFAIRS SHALL ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTED BY THE
12 ADJUTANT GENERAL OR HIS OR DESIGNEE THAT INCLUDES:

13 (a) A PERSON REPRESENTING ONE OR MORE NONPROFIT
14 ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GRAND JUNCTION AREA;

15 (b) A COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER FROM THE WESTERN
16 PORTION OF THE STATE;

17 (c) A VETERAN FROM THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE STATE;

18 (d) A FAMILY MEMBER OF A VETERAN FROM THE WESTERN
19 PORTION OF THE STATE; AND

20 (e) A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES
21 SERVICES AT THE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER.

22 (3) THE DIVISION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD
23 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL
24 DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
25 VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER. THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE THE
26 PROCEDURES AND THE ANNUAL RESULTS OF THE PROCEDURES TO:

27 (a) THE BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; AND

1 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS PART OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS BEFORE THE
3 HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE PURSUANT TO SECTION
4 2-7-203.

5 (4) (a) THE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER CASH FUND, REFERRED
6 TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY.
7 THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY GENERATED FROM THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
8 USE OF THE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
9 MONEY RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION AS LEASE PAYMENTS FOR THE FORMER
10 GRAND JUNCTION NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY.

11 (b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY IN THE FUND
12 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 24-36-109, 24-36-112, AND 24-36-113. THE
13 STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED
14 FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE
15 FUND.

16 (c) ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING
17 IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR REMAINS IN THE FUND AND
18 MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND.

19 (d) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATION, THE DEPARTMENT
20 MAY USE THE MONEY IN THE FUND OR ANY MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND
21 TO PAY THE COSTS OF OPERATING THE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER,
22 WHICH COSTS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, REPAIR AND
23 REPLACEMENT AT THE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER AND SALARIES
24 INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND DEVELOPMENT
25 OF THE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER.

26 (e) THE DIVISION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
27 AND DONATIONS OF ANY KIND FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE FOR

1 THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING THE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER; EXCEPT
2 THAT THE DIVISION SHALL NOT ACCEPT A GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION IF
3 ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED THERETO ARE CONTRADICTORY TO LAW OR
4 REQUIRE EXPENDITURES FROM THE GENERAL FUND THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
5 APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

6 (f) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED
7 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, TO THE
8 COLORADO STATE VETERANS TRUST FUND CREATED IN SECTION 28-5-709.

9 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.
10 BEFORE ITS REPEAL, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES SHALL
11 REVIEW THE VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER OPERATED BY THE DIVISION
12 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**
14 (24)(a)(V) as follows:

15 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
16 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
17 **declaration - repeal.** (24) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
18 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2023:

19 (V) THE GRAND JUNCTION VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER
20 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 28-5-713.

21 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2018-19 state fiscal year,
22 \$133,118 is appropriated to the department of military and veterans
23 affairs for use by the division of veterans affairs. This appropriation is
24 from the general fund and is based on an assumption that the division will
25 require an additional 1.2 FTE. To implement this act, the division may
26 use this appropriation for the Grand Junction veterans one-stop center.

27 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.