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**HOUSE BILL 21-1149**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING SUPPORTING AN ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY FOR**  
102 **COLORADO.**

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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 requires the Colorado work force development council (council), in collaboration with local work force boards, the department of education, superintendents of local school districts, the state board for community colleges and occupational education, and other postsecondary partners, to design a career pathway for students in the energy sector using an existing statutory model for the design and implementation of

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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career pathways.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-46.3-104, **add**  
3 (5.5) as follows:

4 **24-46.3-104. Career pathways - design - legislative declaration**

5 **- definitions.** (5.5) (a) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5.5), "ENERGY  
6 SECTOR" MEANS CURRENT AND EMERGING ESTABLISHMENTS AND  
7 PARTNERSHIPS ENGAGED IN ELECTROMECHANICAL GENERATION AND  
8 MAINTENANCE, ELECTRICAL ENERGY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION,  
9 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, AND  
10 RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION. THE ENERGY SECTOR INCLUDES BUT IS  
11 NOT LIMITED TO OCCUPATIONS AND ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE  
12 DEVELOPMENT, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF PRODUCTS OR  
13 TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AREAS OF CARBON CAPTURE, ENERGY STORAGE,  
14 BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION, ELECTRIC VEHICLES, CHARGING  
15 INFRASTRUCTURE, HYDROGEN FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY, AND RENEWABLE  
16 NATURAL GAS.

17 (b) THE STATE COUNCIL AND PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SHALL CREATE AN  
19 INDUSTRY-DRIVEN ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY FOR  
20 IMPLEMENTATION BY OR BEFORE THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR. THE  
21 STATE COUNCIL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION,  
22 INCLUDING CAREER PATHWAY DESIGN, COMPONENTS, IMPLEMENTATION,  
23 INDUSTRY REVIEW, AND PROMOTION OF THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER  
24 PATHWAY.

25 (c) THE STRENGTHENING PHOTOVOLTAIC AND RENEWABLE

1 CAREERS (SPARC) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, CREATED IN  
2 PART 5 OF THIS ARTICLE 46.3, SHALL PROVIDE MONEY AND OTHER  
3 SUPPORTS FOR IN-DEMAND AND GROWING OCCUPATIONS IN THE ENERGY  
4 SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5.5).

5 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 5 of article  
6 46.3 of title 24 as follows:

7 PART 5

8 STRENGTHENING PHOTOVOLTAIC AND  
9 RENEWABLE CAREERS (SPARC)  
10 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

11 24-46.3-501. Legislative declaration. (1) THE GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

13 (a) THE STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SELECTED  
14 ENERGY AS A TARGET INDUSTRY FOR CAREER PATHWAY SYSTEMS  
15 DEVELOPMENT;

16 (b) THE SELECTION OF ENERGY AS A TARGET INDUSTRY FOR  
17 CAREER PATHWAY SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE  
18 STATEWIDE GOAL TO POSITION COLORADO AS A LEADER IN THE CLEAN  
19 ENERGY ECONOMY BY SETTING A PATH TO REACH ONE HUNDRED PERCENT  
20 RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR THE ELECTRIC GRID BY 2040;

21 (c) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED ITS INTENT TO  
22 TAKE AGGRESSIVE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE BY REJOINING THE PARIS  
23 CLIMATE AGREEMENT, ACHIEVING A CARBON-POLLUTION-FREE POWER  
24 SECTOR BY 2035, AND ENSURING THE UNITED STATES IS ON A PATH TO A  
25 NET-ZERO ECONOMY BY 2050;

26 (d) IN PASSING HOUSE BILL 19-1261, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
27 ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE, SCIENCE-BASED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

1 REDUCTIONS GOALS OF AT LEAST TWENTY-SIX PERCENT BY 2025, FIFTY  
2 PERCENT BY 2030, AND NINETY PERCENT BY 2050, OF EMISSIONS LEVELS  
3 FROM 2005;

4 (e) THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF  
5 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF  
6 TRANSPORTATION, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,  
7 AND COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RELEASED THE  
8 "GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION REDUCTION ROADMAP" IN JANUARY OF  
9 2021 TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE STRATEGY FOR EACH SECTOR TO MEET  
10 THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS SPECIFIED IN HOUSE BILL  
11 19-1261;

12 (f) THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE RELEASED THE "COLORADO  
13 ELECTRIC VEHICLE PLAN 2020" TO GUIDE A LARGE-SCALE TRANSITION OF  
14 THE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES,  
15 INCLUDING A GOAL OF NINE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND ELECTRIC  
16 VEHICLES ON OUR ROADS BY 2030 AND NEARLY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT  
17 OF ALL VEHICLES BY 2050;

18 (g) THE COLORADO AIR QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION ADOPTED  
19 THE ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE RULE, ESTABLISHING THE COLORADO  
20 ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF  
21 ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE STATE, WHICH WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL  
22 INVESTMENT IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS;

23 (h) ADDITIONALLY, MORE THAN FIFTY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS  
24 THROUGHOUT THE STATE HAVE ADOPTED THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL  
25 ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE TO HELP EXISTING BUILDINGS ADAPT TO  
26 NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCIES IN NEW  
27 CONSTRUCTION;

1 (i) THESE FEDERAL AND STATE COMMITMENTS TO ADDRESS THE  
2 CLIMATE CRISIS WILL LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN THE ENERGY  
3 SECTOR, WHICH WILL REQUIRE A DIVERSE AND WELL-TRAINED  
4 WORKFORCE;

5 (j) FURTHER, LAUNCHING REGIONAL ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS WILL  
6 CREATE A FOUNDATION OF STRONG INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP,  
7 COLLABORATION, AND INVESTMENT TO SUPPORT AN INDUSTRY-DRIVEN  
8 ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY;

9 (k) IN 2019, THERE WERE SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED  
10 TWENTY FULL-TIME CLEAN ENERGY EMPLOYEES IN COLORADO. BETWEEN  
11 2014 AND 2019 THERE WAS A FIFTEEN PERCENT GROWTH IN ALL ENERGY  
12 JOBS IN COLORADO, AND THESE JOBS ARE PROJECTED TO GROW ANOTHER  
13 NINE PERCENT FROM 2019 TO 2024.

14 (l) THE STATE MEDIAN HOURLY EARNINGS FOR CLEAN ENERGY  
15 OCCUPATIONS IN COLORADO PROVIDES AN ABOVE-AVERAGE LIVING WAGE;

16 (m) MONEY TO PROVIDE TRAINING UNDER THE SPARC PROGRAM  
17 SHOULD PRIORITIZE INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY JOB LOSS DUE TO  
18 THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC OR DUE TO AN INDUSTRY DECLINE SINCE  
19 JANUARY 1, 2019;

20 (n) FURTHER, BLACK COMMUNITIES, INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES,  
21 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES HAVE ENDURED  
22 THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF POLLUTING INDUSTRIES WITHIN THEIR  
23 COMMUNITIES FOR MANY YEARS; AND

24 (o) THEREFORE, WHILE COLORADO BEGINS TO WORK TOWARD  
25 EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, THESE POPULATIONS AND  
26 COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED FOR TRAINING WITHIN THE ENERGY  
27 SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY.

1 (2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT THE  
2 CREATION OF AN INDUSTRY-DRIVEN ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY  
3 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46.3-104, IMPLEMENTED AND SUPPORTED  
4 THROUGH THE SPARC PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS PART 5, IS A  
5 SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD ESTABLISHING COLORADO AS A LEADER IN THE  
6 CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY, PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AND  
7 TRAINING, CREATING HIGH-PAYING JOBS, AND PROTECTING COLORADO'S  
8 ENVIRONMENT.

9 **24-46.3-502. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 5, UNLESS THE  
10 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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

13 (2) "DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-114.

15 (3) "ENERGY SECTOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS DEFINED IN  
16 SECTION 24-46.3-104 (5.5).

17 (4) "ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY" MEANS THE ENERGY  
18 SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46.3-104  
19 (5.5).

20 (5) "SPARC PROGRAM" MEANS THE STRENGTHENING  
21 PHOTOVOLTAIC AND RENEWABLE CAREERS (SPARC) WORKFORCE  
22 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-503.

23 (6) "SPARC PROGRAM FUND" MEANS THE SPARC PROGRAM FUND  
24 CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-505.

25 (7) "STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND  
26 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION" MEANS THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY  
27 COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION

1 23-60-104.

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

4 **24-46.3-503. Strengthening photovoltaic and renewable**  
5 **careers (SPARC) workforce development program - creation - use of**

6 **fun**ds. (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE STRENGTHENING  
7 PHOTOVOLTAIC AND RENEWABLE CAREERS (SPARC) WORKFORCE  
8 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AS AN INITIATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE  
9 STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND  
10 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
11 EDUCATION.

12 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE SPARC PROGRAM IS TO CREATE  
13 CAPACITY FOR AND BOLSTER TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP, AND EDUCATION  
14 PROGRAMS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY TO INCREASE  
15 EMPLOYMENT IN THE ENERGY SECTOR, PRIORITIZING IN-DEMAND AND  
16 GROWING OCCUPATIONS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR, WHERE INSUFFICIENT  
17 TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS EXIST TO MEET  
18 GROWING DEMAND. THE SPARC PROGRAM WILL CAPITALIZE ON THE  
19 COMPONENTS OF THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY, INCLUDING  
20 COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT, MODULARIZED  
21 CURRICULA, INTEGRATED CREDIT AND NONCREDIT PROGRAMS, STACKED  
22 AND LATTICED CREDENTIALS, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, AND  
23 COMPREHENSIVE, PERSONALIZED STUDENT SUPPORT AND CAREER  
24 GUIDANCE.

25 (3) IN ANY STATE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
26 APPROPRIATES MONEY FOR THE SPARC PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT, THE  
27 STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND

1 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
2 EDUCATION SHALL USE THE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO EXPAND THE  
3 CAPACITY OF TRAINING PROGRAMS AND FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES,  
4 AS APPLICABLE, TO SUPPORT APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINING, AND  
5 EDUCATION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY:

- 6 (a) CAREER AND TRAINING COUNSELING;
- 7 (b) CAREER AND ACADEMIC EXPLORATION AND PLANNING;
- 8 (c) SCHOLARSHIPS;
- 9 (d) EMPLOYER-PROVIDED TRAINING;
- 10 (e) APPRENTICESHIPS;
- 11 (f) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION;
- 12 (g) WORK-BASED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES;
- 13 (h) NEED-BASED SERVICES;
- 14 (i) TRANSPORTATION;
- 15 (j) EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES;
- 16 (k) RETENTION SERVICES;
- 17 (l) TRAINING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION;
- 18 (m) SPARC PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION,  
19 INCLUDING REPORTING ACTIVITIES; AND
- 20 (n) OTHER PURPOSES AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE  
21 STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND  
22 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
23 EDUCATION THAT ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 5.

24 (4) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT,  
25 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD FOR  
26 COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE  
27 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF



1 FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF  
2 THIS SECTION FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN  
3 COLORADO, LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS, AND OTHER  
4 PARTNERS, INCLUDING COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.  
5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE  
6 DEPARTMENT, THE STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY  
7 COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
8 HIGHER EDUCATION, AS WELL AS EXPENDITURES OF MONEY FROM THE  
9 FUND, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE "PROCUREMENT  
10 CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24.

11 (5) (a) SPARC PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OR EXPENDITURES  
12 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 5 MUST NOT:

13 (I) CIRCUMVENT ANY STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO  
14 THE ACQUISITION OF A PLUMBING OR ELECTRICAL LICENSE OR THE  
15 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ACT OF EITHER THE PLUMBING OR ELECTRICAL  
16 INDUSTRY OR ANY STATUTE THAT SPECIFICALLY DEFINES ANY RENEWABLE  
17 ENERGY WORK AS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF LICENSED PLUMBERS OR  
18 ELECTRICIANS OR PROPERLY SUPERVISED APPRENTICES; OR

19 (II) CIRCUMVENT ANY ESTABLISHED INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR  
20 ON-THE-JOB TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OR CLASSROOM EDUCATION  
21 REQUIREMENTS OF THE ESTABLISHED COLORADO APPRENTICESHIP  
22 PROGRAMS REGISTERED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
23 LABOR OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING OR A STATE APPRENTICESHIP  
24 COUNCIL RECOGNIZED BY THAT OFFICE.

25 (b) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE SPARC PROGRAM MUST  
26 SUPPORT ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT PARTICIPATION IN COLORADO  
27 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS REGISTERED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES

1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING OR A STATE  
2 APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL RECOGNIZED BY THAT OFFICE AND PRIORITIZE  
3 PROGRAMS THAT SEEK TO HELP WORKERS ATTAIN A PROFESSIONAL  
4 CREDENTIAL, AN INDUSTRY STANDARD CERTIFICATION, OR A  
5 PROFESSIONAL LICENSE.

6 **24-46.3-504. Reporting requirements.** (1) ON OR BEFORE  
7 NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR  
8 THEREAFTER UNTIL THE REPEAL OF THE SPARC PROGRAM, THE STATE  
9 COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
10 BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND LABOR COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE OF  
11 REPRESENTATIVES ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE  
12 OF REPRESENTATIVES EDUCATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE BUSINESS,  
13 LABOR, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION  
14 AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, OR  
15 THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST  
16 INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY AND ITS  
17 IMPLEMENTATION AND THE SPARC PROGRAM, INCLUDING AN  
18 ACCOUNTING OF HOW MONEY WAS USED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 5 TO  
19 EXPAND OR SUPPORT TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP, AND EDUCATION  
20 PROGRAMS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY TO INCREASE  
21 EMPLOYMENT IN THE ENERGY SECTOR.

22 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO PRESENT AN EXECUTIVE  
23 SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SPARC PROGRAM AT THE  
24 DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
25 OF REFERENCE PURSUANT TO THE "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR  
26 ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART)  
27 GOVERNMENT ACT", CREATED IN PART 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2.

1 (3) FOR PURPOSES OF THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN  
2 THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUEST DATA AND INFORMATION  
3 FROM ENTITIES RECEIVING OR USING MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR PURPOSES  
4 OF THIS PART 5.

5 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE  
6 REPORTING REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION CONTINUES UNTIL  
7 THE SPARC PROGRAM REPEALS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46.3-506.

8 **24-46.3-505. SPARC program fund - creation - appropriations**

9 **from the fund.** (1) THE SPARC PROGRAM FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS  
10 SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND  
11 CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO  
12 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE  
13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND. IN  
14 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-36-114(1), THE STATE TREASURER SHALL  
15 CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND  
16 INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

17 (2) ON JULY 1, 2021, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FIVE  
18 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND.

19 (3) (a) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY FOR THE 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, AND 2024-25 STATE  
21 FISCAL YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT, THE STATE COUNCIL, THE STATE BOARD  
22 FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, AND THE  
23 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND  
24 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PART 5.

25 (b) ANY MONEY APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN A  
26 STATE FISCAL YEAR THAT IS NOT ENCUMBERED OR EXPENDED AT THE END  
27 OF THAT STATE FISCAL YEAR REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE IN

1 THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR FOR THE SAME PURPOSES WITHOUT FURTHER  
2 APPROPRIATION.

3 (c) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE  
4 FUND TO PAY THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS INCURRED TO ADMINISTER  
5 THE SPARC PROGRAM.

6 (4) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED  
7 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND ON JUNE 30, 2026, TO THE  
8 GENERAL FUND.

9 **24-46.3-506. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 5 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
10 JULY 1, 2026.

11 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.