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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATING A GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND PROJECTS THAT  
102 REDUCE CRIME AMONG YOUTH.

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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 delinquency prevention and young offender intervention pilot grant program (program) in the division of criminal justice (division) within the department of public safety (department). The program awards 2-year grants to local governments, American Indian tribes, school districts and charter schools, and nonprofit organizations to fund projects to reduce crime among youth. Preference is given to

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applicants whose projects demonstrate a community-based response in which multiple agencies coordinate to reduce crime among youth and those in areas with high rates of crime among youth.

The division administers the program. The juvenile justice and delinquency prevention council serves as an advisory board for the program.

The program is a 2-year pilot program. The bill requires the general assembly to appropriate \$2.1 million for the program in each of the next 2 fiscal years. The division provides annual reports to the general assembly about the program. In its hearing pursuant to the "State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART) Government Act" for the 2024 legislative session, the department shall report on the program and make a recommendation of whether to continue the program.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) The health, safety, and success of Colorado's youth population  
5 is a top priority;

6 (b) Data has shown that, from 2019 through 2021, the number of  
7 offenses committed in Colorado has increased across many categories of  
8 crime;

9 (c) The cost to incarcerate an adjudicated youth in Colorado is  
10 approximately \$131,000 annually;

11 (d) Minority and underserved communities are disproportionately  
12 referred to the justice system;

13 (e) The average daily population of juveniles who are 10 years of  
14 age to 17 years of age held in a Colorado juvenile detention center  
15 increased from 146 in January 2021 to 172 in November 2021;

16 (f) Research has demonstrated that communities and the state can  
17 save as much as eight dollars for every dollar spent on supporting

1 community-based, multi-agency delinquency prevention programs;

2 (g) Connecting young people at risk of entering the juvenile  
3 justice system to resources can help reduce the likelihood that they  
4 become involved with the juvenile or criminal justice system;

5 (h) Ensuring that young people involved with the juvenile justice  
6 system have access to resources and supports can help prevent them from  
7 falling deeper into the system or from becoming involved in the criminal  
8 justice system as adults; and

9 (i) There are a number of successful efforts across Colorado that  
10 provide a multidisciplinary approach to youth delinquency prevention that  
11 can be replicated or expanded.

12 (2) Therefore, the general assembly determines that a strategy to  
13 enhance delinquency prevention efforts and provide early intervention  
14 responses to those who have entered or are at risk of entering the juvenile  
15 justice system is necessary to prevent youth delinquency, reduce the  
16 impact on victims of youth crimes, and ensure that all young people in  
17 Colorado have an equal opportunity to prosper.

18 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-525 as  
19 follows:

20 **24-33.5-525. Delinquency prevention and young offender**  
21 **intervention pilot grant program - creation - report - definitions -**  
22 **repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
23 REQUIRES:

24 (a) "ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT" MEANS A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR  
25 CITY AND COUNTY, AND ANY AGENCY THEREOF; AN AMERICAN INDIAN  
26 TRIBE; A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL; A CHARTER  
27 SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE; OR A

1 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER  
2 SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986",  
3 AS AMENDED. "ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT" INCLUDES A LOCAL COLLABORATIVE  
4 MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-1.9-102, AND A LOCAL  
5 JUVENILE SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE CREATED PURSUANT TO  
6 SECTION 19-2.5-302.

7 (b) "JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COUNCIL"  
8 OR "COUNCIL" MEANS THE COUNCIL APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO  
9 SERVE AS THE STATE ADVISORY GROUP PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL  
10 "JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT", 34 U.S.C. SEC.  
11 11133 (a)(3), AS AMENDED.

12 (c) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION AND  
13 YOUNG OFFENDER INTERVENTION PILOT GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS  
14 SECTION.

15 (2) (a) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE DELINQUENCY  
16 PREVENTION AND YOUNG OFFENDER INTERVENTION PILOT GRANT  
17 PROGRAM TO AWARD GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS FOR  
18 COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS TO REDUCE VIOLENCE, CRIME, AND  
19 DELINQUENCY AMONG YOUTH.

20 (b) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, WITH ADVICE  
21 FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COUNCIL.

22 (3) (a) THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION  
23 COUNCIL SHALL SERVE AS THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE PROGRAM. THE  
24 ADVISORY BOARD SHALL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION BY  
25 MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

26 (I) CRITERIA APPLIED TO SCORE GRANT APPLICATIONS;

27 (II) TIMELINES FOR GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPLICATION

1 DEADLINES;

2 (III) PRIORITIES FOR AWARDING GRANTS; AND

3 (IV) METRICS GRANT RECIPIENTS MUST REPORT TO THE DIVISION,

4 INCLUDING ANY DEMOGRAPHIC DATA THAT SHOULD BE REPORTED.

5 (b) THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ADVISE

6 THE DIVISION REGARDING:

7 (I) GRANT APPLICATIONS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING;

8 (II) WHICH APPLICANTS, BASED ON SCORING CONDUCTED BY THE

9 COUNCIL, SHOULD RECEIVE A GRANT AWARD; AND

10 (III) THE AMOUNT FOR EACH GRANT AWARD.

11 (c) THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY

12 GRANT RECIPIENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND

13 MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO THE DIVISION.

14 (4) THE DEPARTMENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL,

15 SHALL ADOPT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES FOR THE PROGRAM.

16 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND

17 GUIDELINES PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE. AT A MINIMUM, THE

18 POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES SHALL SPECIFY THE FOLLOWING,

19 CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION:

20 (a) THE APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING APPLICATION

21 REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES;

22 (b) CRITERIA FOR SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS AND

23 DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT, WHICH MUST INCLUDE THE

24 EXTENT TO WHICH THE APPLICANT SHOWS A SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT TO

25 REDUCING CRIME, INVOLVEMENT IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM,

26 DELINQUENCY, AND RECIDIVISM AMONG YOUTH; A COMMITMENT TO USING

27 EVIDENCE-BASED CRIME AND VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGIES; AND

1 WHETHER THE GRANTEE HAS RESOURCES TO REPORT ON PROJECT METRICS  
2 TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL;

3 (c) DEADLINES FOR AWARDING GRANTS; AND

4 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES FOR GRANT  
5 RECIPIENTS.

6 (5) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT MUST  
7 SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DIVISION. AT A MINIMUM, THE  
8 APPLICATION MUST:

9 (a) DESCRIBE THE PROJECT THAT WILL BE FUNDED WITH A GRANT  
10 AWARD AND WHETHER THE PROJECT DEMONSTRATES A  
11 COMMUNITY-BASED RESPONSE TO CRIME AMONG YOUTH IN WHICH  
12 MULTIPLE AGENCIES ARE COORDINATING TO MEET THE GOALS OF THE  
13 PROGRAM;

14 (b) PROVIDE DATA DOCUMENTING THE NEED FOR THE PROJECT,  
15 INCLUDING THE RATES OF CRIME AMONG YOUTH IN THE PROJECT AREA;

16 (c) DESCRIBE HOW THE PROJECT WILL HELP PREVENT YOUTH  
17 INVOLVEMENT IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM;

18 (d) DESCRIBE THE RESOURCES THE APPLICANT WILL PROVIDE TO  
19 IMPLEMENT AND SUSTAIN THE PROJECT DURING THE PROJECT PERIOD; AND

20 (e) INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY DEPARTMENT  
21 POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES.

22 (6) (a) THE DIVISION AND COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW GRANT  
23 APPLICATIONS. AFTER RECEIVING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL,  
24 THE DIVISION SHALL AWARD GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT  
25 POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
26 SECTION. GRANTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE TWO-YEAR  
27 GRANTS THAT COVER STATE FISCAL YEARS 2022-23 AND 2023-24.

1 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DIVISION SHALL ANNUALLY  
2 DISTRIBUTE GRANT MONEY TO GRANT RECIPIENTS.

3 (b) IN REVIEWING AND SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS, THE  
4 DIVISION SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE TO APPLICANTS THAT DOCUMENT A  
5 COORDINATED RESPONSE WITH MULTIPLE PARTNER AGENCIES TO REDUCE  
6 CRIME AND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND  
7 THOSE IN AREAS WITH HIGH RATES OF CRIME AMONG YOUTH.

8 (c) THE DIVISION MAY REQUIRE A GRANT RECIPIENT TO INCLUDE  
9 PROJECT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION IN ITS REPORT MADE PURSUANT TO  
10 SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (7) (a) A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE  
12 DIVISION TWICE EACH YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEADLINES SET BY  
13 THE DEPARTMENT. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

14 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES DELIVERED TO YOUTH IN NEED  
15 OF ASSISTANCE AND THE NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED WITH A GRANT  
16 AWARD;

17 (II) DEMOGRAPHIC DATA REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION IN THE GRANT  
18 AWARD;

19 (III) DISCIPLINARY INCIDENTS INCLUDING SUSPENSIONS AND  
20 EXPULSIONS IN SCHOOLS SERVED BY A PROJECT, IF APPLICABLE;

21 (IV) CRIME RATES AND RECIDIVISM RATES AMONG YOUTH IN THE  
22 PROJECT AREA;

23 (V) ANY PERFORMANCE MEASURES IDENTIFIED BY A GRANT  
24 RECIPIENT IN ITS GRANT APPLICATION; AND

25 (VI) OTHER METRICS CONCERNING THE USE OF A GRANT AWARD  
26 DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNCIL.

27 (b) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 OF

1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE  
2 PROGRAM TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE,  
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND  
4 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
5 COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR  
6 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE  
7 INFORMATION REPORTED BY GRANT RECIPIENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
8 (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND INFORMATION REGARDING WHETHER THE  
9 PROGRAM IS MEETING THE GOALS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

10 (c) IN ITS ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEES OF  
11 REFERENCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203 FOR THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE  
12 SESSION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAM  
13 AND A RECOMMENDATION OF WHETHER TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND THE  
14 PROGRAM.

15 (8) IN EACH OF THE FISCAL YEARS 2022-23 AND 2023-24, THE  
16 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED  
17 THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PROGRAM.

18 (9) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2024.

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