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**HOUSE BILL 22-1035**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MODERNIZATION OF THE "OLDER COLORADANS' ACT".**

**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 updates the "Older Coloradans' Act" (act). The purpose of the act is to support older Coloradans through community planning, social services, health and well-being services, and strategies to prepare the state's infrastructure for an increasing older population of Coloradans.

The bill updates include:

- Reorganizing the commission on the aging (commission) and increasing membership from 17 to 19 in order to coordinate and implement the strategic action plan on aging

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- (plan) and to make recommendations;
- Appointing a state department of human services (state department) liaison to act as the primary contact for the commission in order to coordinate commission-related duties with the state department and other state agencies;
- Convening a technical advisory committee (committee) comprised of key state agency representatives to direct the implementations of the plan and the commission's recommendations; and
- Creating the lifelong Colorado initiative within the state department's state office on aging to coordinate strategies and implementation of the plan with the commission, committee, and key state agencies.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26-11-100.2  
3 as follows:

4           **26-11-100.2. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
5 hereby finds and declares that:

6           (a) Older Coloradans constitute a fundamental resource of this  
7 state. Often, their competence, experience, and wisdom are underutilized,  
8 and a means must be found to EFFECTIVELY use their abilities ~~more~~  
9 ~~effectively~~ for the benefit of all Coloradans. The number of persons in  
10 this state sixty years of age or older is increasing rapidly, and, of these  
11 persons, the number of women, ~~minorities~~ PEOPLE OF COLOR, and persons  
12 seventy-five years of age or older is expanding at an even greater rate.  
13 ~~Among those persons seventy-five years of age or older, there is a higher~~  
14 ~~incidence of functional disability. The social and health problems of older~~  
15 ~~people are compounded by the lack of access to existing services and by~~  
16 ~~the unavailability of a complete range of services in all areas of the state.~~  
17 ~~The ability of older people to maintain self-sufficiency and personal~~  
18 ~~well-being with the dignity to which their years of labor entitle them and~~

1 ~~to realize their maximum potential as creative and productive individuals~~  
2 ~~are matters of profound importance and concern for all Coloradans.~~

3 (b) A STATE THAT IS WELL-ADAPTED FOR AGING IS ONE WHERE ALL  
4 INDIVIDUALS CAN THRIVE AND ARE ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED: A  
5 COLORADO FOR ALL. COLORADO MUST SUPPORT A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE  
6 FOR OLDER COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY PROMOTING HEALTH  
7 AND WELL-BEING; SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY, AND  
8 SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS; FOSTERING  
9 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY; CREATING LIVABLE  
10 COMMUNITIES; AND INTEGRATING AGING POLICY AND PROGRAMS ACROSS  
11 STATE GOVERNMENT.

12 (c) TO ENSURE THAT COLORADO IS THE BEST STATE IN WHICH TO  
13 GROW OLD, THE FOLLOWING GOALS MUST GUIDE AGING AND AGING  
14 SERVICES IN COLORADO:

15 (I) OLDER COLORADANS ARE ABLE TO LIVE AND FULLY  
16 PARTICIPATE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES OF CHOICE FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE;

17 (II) OLDER COLORADANS ARE ABLE TO STAY ENGAGED IN THE  
18 LABOR FORCE OR VOLUNTEER SECTOR FOR AS LONG AS THEY WANT OR  
19 NEED;

20 (III) OLDER COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE FINANCIALLY  
21 SECURE AND PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF AGING;

22 (IV) COLORADANS ARE PREPARED FOR THE CHALLENGES OF  
23 CARING FOR AGED LOVED ONES AND ARE ABLE TO DO SO WITHOUT  
24 ENDANGERING THEIR OWN PHYSICAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND FINANCIAL  
25 HEALTH OR WELL-BEING OR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR  
26 LOVED ONES;

27 (V) TRAINED WORKERS ARE SKILLED, EDUCATED, AND PAID

1 COMMENSURATE TO THEIR ABILITIES AND TRAINING TO MEET THE NEEDS  
2 OF EMPLOYERS AND INDUSTRIES SERVING AN INCREASING POPULATION OF  
3 OLDER COLORADANS;

4 (VI) OLDER COLORADANS CAN STAY HEALTHIER LONGER  
5 THROUGH ACCESS TO QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE PERSON-CENTERED AND  
6 CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE CARE THAT ALIGNS WITH THEIR PREFERENCES  
7 AND VALUES;

8 (VII) THE STATE CAN MEET ITS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT OLDER  
9 COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND

10 (VIII) COLORADO CAN EMPOWER AND PROTECT OLDER  
11 COLORADANS FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION, AND OTHER  
12 HARMFUL ACTS;

13 (d) COLORADO FACES A HISTORIC DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFT OVER THE  
14 NEXT FIFTY YEARS THAT WILL CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES.  
15 THIS SHIFT WILL RESULT IN AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF OLDER  
16 WORKERS REMAINING IN THE WORKFORCE AND OLDER COLORADANS  
17 SHIFTING INTO RETIREMENT. THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES WILL RESULT  
18 IN WIDE-RANGING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS ON THE WORKFORCE,  
19 HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, AND  
20 HEALTH CARE. THE STATE MUST ACT TO CAPITALIZE ON THE  
21 OPPORTUNITIES AND ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES.

22 (e) TO ENSURE THAT OLDER COLORADANS ARE PREPARED TO  
23 ADDRESS AGING-RELATED OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES, IT IS  
24 CRITICAL THAT THE STATE EMPOWER AND EDUCATE RESIDENTS FROM AN  
25 EARLY AGE TO PREPARE FOR THE REALITIES OF A LONG LIFE. THE STATE  
26 SHOULD ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE IN RETIREMENT PLANNING,  
27 HEALTH AND WELLNESS PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES,

1 LIFELONG LEARNING, CROSS-GENERATIONAL COLLABORATION, AND CIVIC  
2 ENGAGEMENT.

3 (f) AGING IS A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT VARIES FROM PERSON  
4 TO PERSON. COLORADANS WILL AGE DIFFERENTLY, WITH SOME REMAINING  
5 MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY CAPABLE UNTIL THEY DIE AND OTHERS  
6 EXPERIENCING MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES EARLIER IN LIFE. AS  
7 A RESULT, OLDER COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE PRESENTED  
8 WITH VARYING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES ACROSS THEIR LIVES.  
9 SOME OLDER COLORADANS WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY IN  
10 THEIR OWN HOMES WHILE OTHERS WILL REQUIRE LONG-TERM SKILLED  
11 NURSING CARE. IN COORDINATION WITH STATE DEPARTMENT SUBJECT  
12 MATTER EXPERTS, AREA AGENCIES ON AGING, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND  
13 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, IT IS A PRIORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
14 TO EXAMINE THE COMPLEXITY OF THESE ISSUES AND DEVELOP POLICIES  
15 THAT SUPPORT COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES ACROSS COLORADO. THE  
16 AGING PROCESS IS FURTHER IMPACTED BY HISTORICAL DISPARITIES,  
17 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO STRUCTURAL RACISM, SEXISM, AND  
18 AGEISM. THE SOCIAL AND HEALTH PROBLEMS OF OLDER COLORADANS ARE  
19 COMPOUNDED BY LIMITED PREPARATION FOR AN INCREASE IN LIFE  
20 EXPECTANCY AND LACK OF ACCESS TO SERVICES, OR THE UNAVAILABILITY  
21 OF SERVICES, THROUGHOUT THE STATE. IT IS OF PROFOUND IMPORTANCE  
22 FOR ALL COLORADANS THAT OLDER COLORADANS MAINTAIN  
23 SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING, HAVE ACCESS TO  
24 NECESSARY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, AND REALIZE THEIR MAXIMUM  
25 POTENTIAL AS CREATIVE AND PRODUCTIVE INDIVIDUALS.

26 (2) (a) ~~The general assembly further declares that it is the policy~~  
27 ~~of this state: To protect older Coloradans from abuse, neglect, or~~

1 exploitation; to involve older Coloradans in the planning and operation  
2 of all programs and services that may affect them; to encourage agencies  
3 at all levels of government, as well as in the private sector, to develop  
4 alternative services and forms of care that would provide a range of  
5 services to be delivered in the community and in the home and that would  
6 facilitate access to other services which support independent living and  
7 prevent unnecessary institutionalization; to give priority in planning  
8 services and programs to those older Coloradans with the greatest  
9 economic need or the greatest social need; and to facilitate and encourage  
10 joint program planning and policy development among state and local  
11 agencies which recognize and strengthen the community and personal  
12 support networks to which people belong and on which they depend and  
13 which administer programs and deliver services to the older population.

14 THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT IT IS COLORADO'S  
15 POLICY TO:

16 (I) EMPOWER AND PROTECT OLDER COLORADANS FROM ABUSE,  
17 NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION, AND OTHER HARMFUL ACTS;

18 (II) MEANINGFULLY INVOLVE OLDER COLORADANS IN THE  
19 PLANNING AND OPERATION OF ALL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT MAY  
20 AFFECT THEM;

21 (III) ENCOURAGE AGENCIES AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, AS  
22 WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE SERVICES AND  
23 FORMS OF CARE THAT PROVIDE A RANGE OF SERVICES TO BE DELIVERED IN  
24 THE COMMUNITY AND HOME THAT SUPPORT INDEPENDENT LIVING AND  
25 PREVENT UNNECESSARY INSTITUTIONALIZATION;

26 (IV) REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES AND SUPPORT AGING ACROSS AN  
27 INDIVIDUAL'S LIFESPAN;

1 (V) PRIORITIZE PLANNING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR OLDER  
2 COLORADANS WITH THE GREATEST ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL NEEDS;

3 (VI) ACKNOWLEDGE AND REMOVE BARRIERS TO ENSURE  
4 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PROJECTS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND RESOURCES  
5 ARE INCLUSIVE OF ALL OLDER COLORADANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO  
6 ARE MOST UNDERSERVED;

7 (VII) RECOGNIZE THAT PREPARING ALL COLORADANS FOR THE  
8 DIFFERENT FACETS OF A LONGER LIFE IS PART OF THE STATE'S  
9 RESPONSIBILITY; AND

10 (VIII) FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE JOINT PROGRAM PLANNING  
11 AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT AMONG STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL  
12 GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, AND MAXIMIZE  
13 RESOURCES;

14 (b) IN ORDER TO SUPPORT OLDER COLORADANS, THE GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT A CITIZEN-LED, MULTIDISCIPLINARY STAKEHOLDER  
16 COMMISSION, COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC  
17 AND PRIVATE SECTORS, IS NEEDED TO COORDINATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO  
18 GUIDING STATE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PROJECTS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES,  
19 AND RESOURCES IN THE AREA OF AGING.

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26-11-101 as  
21 follows:

22 **26-11-101. Commission on aging - created - definition.**

23 (1) (a) There is ~~hereby~~ created in the state department the Colorado  
24 commission on ~~the~~ aging, referred to in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 11 as the  
25 "commission", ~~which shall consist of seventeen members appointed by~~  
26 ~~the governor, with the consent of the senate. Two members shall be~~  
27 ~~appointed from each congressional district of the state, one of whom shall~~

1 be from each major political party, and, after July 1, 1976, and thereafter  
2 when a vacancy occurs, one of such members shall be from west of the  
3 continental divide. A vacancy on the commission occurs whenever any  
4 member moves out of the congressional district from which he or she was  
5 appointed. Any member who moves out of such congressional district  
6 shall promptly notify the governor of the date of such move, but such  
7 notice is not a condition precedent to the occurrence of the vacancy. The  
8 governor shall fill the vacancy as provided in subsection (2) of this  
9 section. Appointments made to take effect on January 1, 1983, shall be  
10 made in accordance with section 24-1-135, C.R.S. No more than nine  
11 members of the commission shall be members of the same major political  
12 party. One member shall be appointed from the state at large, one member  
13 shall be appointed from among the membership of the senate, and one  
14 member shall be appointed from among the membership of the house of  
15 representatives. Appointments to the commission shall comply with the  
16 requirements of the rules and regulations of the United States department  
17 of health and human services promulgated pursuant to Public Law 93-29,  
18 known as the "Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments  
19 of 1973", as such rules and regulations appear in section 903.50 (c) of  
20 title 45 of the code of federal regulations. In making appointments to the  
21 commission, the governor is encouraged to include representation by at  
22 least one member who is a person with a disability, a family member of  
23 a person with a disability, or a member of an advocacy group for persons  
24 with disabilities, provided that the other requirements of this subsection  
25 (1) are met FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATING AND GUIDING THE  
26 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING, DEVELOPED  
27 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406, AND OTHER STRATEGIES THE



1 COMMISSION MAY IDENTIFY THAT SUPPORT OLDER COLORADANS. THE  
2 COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF NINETEEN MEMBERS WHO MUST BE  
3 APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

4 (I) ONE MEMBER FROM THE COLORADO SENATE, APPOINTED BY  
5 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

6 (II) ONE MEMBER FROM THE COLORADO HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES; AND

9 (III) SEVENTEEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH  
10 THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AS FOLLOWS:

11 (A) ONE MEMBER FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE  
12 STATE;

13 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIGHER  
14 EDUCATION OR THE COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM;

15 (C) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A DIRECTOR OF AN AREA AGENCY ON  
16 AGING, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 26-11-204;

17 (D) ONE MEMBER WITH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF WORKFORCE  
18 ISSUES IMPACTING OLDER COLORADANS;

19 (E) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL  
20 CARE SETTING;

21 (F) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS COLORADANS LIVING WITH  
22 DEMENTIA;

23 (G) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AN ORGANIZATION PROVIDING  
24 HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES;

25 (H) ONE MEMBER WITH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF OR  
26 EXPERIENCE WITH TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES;

27 (I) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE HOUSING SECTOR; AND

1 (J) ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC POLICY OR ELDER LAW  
2 COMMUNITY WITH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF AND EXPERIENCE WITH  
3 AGING POLICY OR ELDER RIGHTS ISSUES.

4 (b) IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
5 (1)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT NO MORE  
6 THAN A MINIMUM MAJORITY OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AFFILIATED WITH  
7 THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY. IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR  
8 SHALL SELECT:

9 (I) MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT DIVERSE RACIAL, CULTURAL,  
10 SOCIOECONOMIC, GENDER, AND ABILITY GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS  
11 RECEIVING COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL OR MEDICAL SERVICES THAT  
12 SUPPORT INDEPENDENT LIVING;

13 (II) FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEMBERS, AT LEAST ONE  
14 MEMBER WHO IS SIXTY YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, OR WHO IS A PERSON  
15 LIVING WITH A DISABILITY, OR WHO HAS A FAMILY MEMBER LIVING WITH  
16 A DISABILITY;

17 (III) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS RURAL OR  
18 FRONTIER AREAS OF THE STATE;

19 (IV) AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A LOCAL  
20 GOVERNMENT; AND

21 (V) AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY  
22 IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL FOR INITIATIVES DEVELOPED IN  
23 THE PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT SECTOR.

24 (c) APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION MUST COMPLY WITH THE  
25 RULES PROMULGATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
26 AND HUMAN SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "OLDER AMERICANS  
27 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES AMENDMENTS OF 1973", PUB.L. 93-29, AS

1 AMENDED.

2 (2) (a) ~~All members of the commission shall be appointed for~~  
3 ~~terms of four years each, commencing July 1 in the year of appointment.~~  
4 ~~Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term of the~~  
5 ~~vacated office and shall be made in the same manner as original~~  
6 ~~appointments. Whenever a member of the senate or house of~~  
7 ~~representatives serving as a member of the commission ceases to hold his~~  
8 ~~office in the senate or house of representatives, a vacancy on the~~  
9 ~~commission shall occur, and the governor shall fill the vacancy by the~~  
10 ~~appointment of a similarly qualified person who at the time is holding~~  
11 ~~office, as the case may be, in the senate or house of representatives. A~~  
12 MINIMUM MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED  
13 FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS EACH AND THE REMAINING  
14 COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF  
15 THREE YEARS EACH. THE GOVERNOR SHALL INDICATE WHETHER THE  
16 APPOINTED PERSON IS SERVING A TWO-YEAR TERM OR A THREE-YEAR  
17 TERM. APPOINTMENTS MADE AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL TERM  
18 ARE THREE-YEAR TERMS. IF A VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION OCCURS, THE  
19 GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A NEW MEMBER FROM THE APPROPRIATE  
20 REPRESENTATIVE GROUP TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE MEMBER'S  
21 TERM. NO MEMBER MAY SERVE MORE THAN TWO FULL CONSECUTIVE  
22 TERMS.

23 (b) THE TERMS OF PRESENT MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
24 THIS SECTION EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31, 2022. THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
25 APPOINT NEW MEMBERS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
26 AND THE APPOINTMENTS ARE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.

27 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "MINIMUM MAJORITY" MEANS THE

1       LOWEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS THAT IS MORE THAN HALF OF ALL  
2       COMMISSION MEMBERS.

3               **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26-11-102 as  
4       follows:

5               **26-11-102. Organization of commission.** (1) The commission  
6       shall elect AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE from its membership, INCLUDING  
7       a ~~chairman~~ CHAIR, a ~~vice-chairman~~ VICE-CHAIR, and such other officers  
8       as it deems necessary. The ~~vice-chairman~~ VICE-CHAIR shall act as  
9       ~~chairman~~ CHAIR in the absence OF or ~~disability~~ AT THE DIRECTION of the  
10      ~~chairman~~ CHAIR. The commission shall meet IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY on  
11      call of the ~~chairman~~ CHAIR but not less than once ~~every three months~~ A  
12      MONTH. A majority of the members of the commission ~~shall constitute~~  
13      CONSTITUTES a quorum for the transaction of business. THE EXECUTIVE  
14      COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING WITH THE STATE OFFICE  
15      ON AGING ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 26-11-202, RELEVANT STATE  
16      AGENCIES, AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

17              (2) (a)     THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH STANDING  
18      SUBCOMMITTEES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC  
19      ACTION PLAN ON AGING, DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406,  
20      AND WORK RELATED TO THE LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE  
21      ESTABLISHED IN PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE 11. THE SUBCOMMITTEE TOPICS  
22      MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- 23              (I)    WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER COLORADANS;
- 24              (II)   THE DIRECT-CARE WORKFORCE;
- 25              (III)   HOUSING OPTIONS FOR OLDER COLORADANS;
- 26              (IV)   AGE-FRIENDLY, AFFORDABLE, AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES;
- 27              (V)    HEALTH CARE;

- 1 (VI) CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND MAINTENANCE;
- 2 (VII) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH;
- 3 (VIII) LIFELONG LEARNING;
- 4 (IX) RETIREMENT SECURITY;
- 5 (X) LEGISLATIVE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS;
- 6 (XI) TRANSPORTATION; ■
- 7 (XII) DISPARITIES AMONG OLDER COLORADANS;
- 8 (XIII) ELDER RIGHTS; AND
- 9 (XIV) INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY.

10 (b) EACH STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE MUST BE CHAIRED BY A  
11 MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION BUT MAY INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP BEYOND  
12 COMMISSION MEMBERS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC  
13 WHO VOLUNTEER TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIFIC SUBCOMMITTEE.  
14 NONCOMMISSION MEMBERS MAY BE CO-CHAIRS OR VICE-CHAIRS. THE  
15 MEMBERSHIP SELECTION PROCESS MAY BE DETERMINED IN THE  
16 COMMISSION BYLAWS.

17 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26-11-104 as  
18 follows:

19 **26-11-104. Director - liaison and staff.** (1) Pursuant to section  
20 13 of article XII of the state constitution, the executive director shall  
21 appoint ~~the director of the commission and such clerical and professional~~  
22 ~~staff as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this article. The~~  
23 ~~director of the commission shall be the chief administrative officer for the~~  
24 ~~commission and shall be a person who is professionally qualified to~~  
25 ~~assume the responsibilities of the position~~ A STATE DEPARTMENT LIAISON  
26 TO THE COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AS NECESSARY TO  
27 CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE POSITION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT

1 LIAISON MUST BE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED TO ASSUME THE  
2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION, BE THE PRIMARY CONTACT FOR THE  
3 COMMISSION, AND COORDINATE COMMISSION-RELATED DUTIES WITH THE  
4 STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMISSION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
5 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 26-11-102 (1).

6 (2) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE COMMISSION, IN  
7 COORDINATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, MAY CONTRACT WITH A  
8 THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATION TO SERVE AS INDEPENDENT STAFF TO THE  
9 COMMISSION IN ORDER TO COORDINATE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
10 LIAISON AND THE LIAISON'S STAFF, PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT  
11 FOR THE COMMISSION'S PURPOSE AND DUTIES, AND CARRY OUT OTHER  
12 FUNCTIONS THE COMMISSION ASSIGNS.

13 (3) THE COMMISSION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,  
14 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE  
15 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION TO SUPPORT GENERAL OPERATIONS, SPECIAL  
16 PROJECTS, RESEARCH, AND STAFFING NEEDS.

17 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26-11-105 as  
18 follows:

19 **26-11-105. Duties of commission - report.** (1) The commission,  
20 through its ~~director~~ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
21 26-11-102 (1); IN COORDINATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT LIAISON  
22 TO THE COMMISSION, APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-104; AND  
23 IN COORDINATION WITH INDEPENDENT STAFF, CONTRACTED PURSUANT TO  
24 SECTION 26-11-104, shall carry out the following ~~purposes~~ DUTIES:

25 (a) SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL ADVOCACY BODY IN THE STATE ON  
26 BEHALF OF OLDER COLORADANS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO  
27 PARTICIPATING AS AN ADVISOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND

1 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION, AND REGULATIONS MADE BY STATE AND  
2 FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, RELATING TO PROGRAMS AND  
3 SERVICES THAT AFFECT OLDER COLORADANS;

4 (b) COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON  
5 AGING RECOMMENDATIONS, DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
6 24-32-3406, AND ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THE COMMISSION  
7 MAKES;

8 (a) (c) Conduct, and encourage ~~other~~ PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT  
9 organizations AND STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES  
10 to ~~conduct, studies of the problems of the state's older people~~ CONDUCT  
11 RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS RELATED TO THE STATE'S AGING POPULATION;

12 (b) (d) Assist governmental and private agencies to coordinate  
13 their efforts on behalf of ~~the aging and aged~~ OLDER COLORADANS in order  
14 that such efforts be effective and that duplication and waste of effort be  
15 eliminated;

16 (c) (e) Promote and aid in the establishment of FEDERAL, STATE,  
17 REGIONAL, AND local POLICIES, programs, and services ~~for the aging and~~  
18 ~~aged~~ THAT SUPPORT AND EMPOWER OLDER COLORADANS AND THEIR  
19 CAREGIVERS, WHO ARE EITHER PAID OR UNPAID. The commission shall  
20 assist governmental and private agencies by designing surveys that may  
21 be used ~~locally~~ AT THE LOCAL, REGIONAL, OR STATE LEVEL to determine  
22 needs of older people; by recommending the creation OR MODIFICATION  
23 of POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND services TO MEET IDENTIFIED NEEDS; by  
24 collection and distribution of information on aging; and by assisting  
25 public and private organizations in all ways the commission may deem  
26 appropriate.

27 (d) (f) Conduct promotional activities and programs of public

1 education ~~on problems of the~~ RELEVANT TO aging;

2 ~~(e) (g) Review existing programs for the aging and make~~  
3 ~~recommendations to the governor and the general assembly for~~  
4 ~~improvements in such programs;~~ REVIEW EXISTING POLICIES AND  
5 PROGRAMS ACROSS STATE AGENCIES, AND ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1,  
6 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, DRAFT  
7 AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED BY  
8 THE COMMISSION THAT SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES IN  
9 ALIGNMENT WITH THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING DEVELOPED  
10 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406, THE LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE  
11 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-302, AND OTHER  
12 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE COMMISSION MAKES. THE COMMISSION  
13 SHALL SUBMIT THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, EXECUTIVE  
14 DIRECTORS OF IMPACTED AGENCIES, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

15 ~~(f) (h) Advise and make recommendations to the state department~~  
16 ~~and the state office on aging, created pursuant to part 2 of this article, on~~  
17 ~~the problems of and programs and services for the aging and aged.~~  
18 IDENTIFY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPACTED STATE AGENCIES  
19 ON ACUTE CONCERNS IMPACTING OLDER COLORADANS THAT ARISE DUE TO  
20 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES, NATURAL DISASTERS, HISTORICAL  
21 DISPARITIES SUCH AS RACISM, OR OTHER ISSUES TIED DIRECTLY TO  
22 CURRENT EVENTS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM SOLVING AND  
23 ADVOCACY;

24 ~~(g) (i) (I) Study and make recommendations to ensure that people~~  
25 ~~who are released from prison who are sixty-five years of age or older are~~  
26 ~~able to access health insurance after release, including:~~

27 ~~(A) Health insurance options that might be available, including~~



1 medicare, medicaid, social security, the old age pension fund, or any other  
2 potential options for health-care insurance, and any eligibility criteria that  
3 may uniquely impact a formerly incarcerated population;

4 (B) Enrollment processes for each health insurance option and the  
5 cost for each option;

6 (C) Processes the department of corrections would need to have  
7 in place, both prior to release and after release, to ensure people sixty-five  
8 years of age or older are able to enroll in affordable health insurance upon  
9 release;

10 (D) Potential challenges, gaps, or resources needed to ensure that  
11 inmates sixty-five years of age or older have health insurance upon  
12 release; and

13 (E) Any other recommendations relevant to improving health-care  
14 access for people sixty-five years of age or older after release from  
15 prison.

16 (H) On or before January 1, 2022, the commission shall provide  
17 a report with its findings and recommendations pursuant to this  
18 subsection (1)(g) to the judiciary and health and insurance committees of  
19 the house of representatives and the judiciary and health and human  
20 services committees of the senate, or any successor committees. The  
21 department of human services shall post the report on the Colorado  
22 commission on aging's website.

23 (i) CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO ADDITIONAL AND ONGOING  
24 ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN ON AGING  
25 DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406 AND ALIGNED WITH THE  
26 LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE ESTABLISHED IN PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE  
27 11; AND

1 (j) DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSALS IN  
2 COORDINATION WITH STATE DEPARTMENT LIAISONS AND LEGISLATIVE  
3 DESIGNEES AND COORDINATE ADVOCACY EFFORTS WITH APPROPRIATE  
4 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS.

5 [REDACTED]

6 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11-201, **amend**  
7 (6) as follows:

8 **26-11-201. Definitions.** As used in this part 2, unless the context  
9 otherwise requires:

10 (6) "Greatest social need" means the need caused by noneconomic  
11 factors, which include physical and mental disabilities, language barriers,  
12 and cultural or social isolation, including that caused by racial and ethnic  
13 status, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER  
14 IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, OR HIV STATUS, ~~which~~ THAT restrict an  
15 individual's ability to perform normal daily tasks or ~~which~~ THAT threaten  
16 ~~his~~ AN INDIVIDUAL'S capacity to live independently.

17 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26-11-203 as  
18 follows:

19 **26-11-203. Duties of the state office.** (1) In addition to such  
20 other duties and functions as the executive director may allocate to the  
21 state office, the state office shall have the following duties and functions:

22 (a) TO BE THE LEADER CONCERNING AGING ISSUES ON BEHALF OF  
23 ALL OLDER COLORADANS WHILE ACTING IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER  
24 STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, AS APPROPRIATE;

25 (b) TO CARRY OUT A WIDE RANGE OF FUNCTIONS RELATED TO  
26 ADVOCACY, PLANNING, COORDINATION, INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION,  
27 INFORMATION SHARING, AND MONITORING ANDEVALUATING TO DEVELOP

1 AND ENHANCE A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED STATE- AND  
2 COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEM TO ASSIST OLDER COLORADANS TO LEAD  
3 INDEPENDENT, MEANINGFUL, AND DIGNIFIED LIVES IN THE RESIDENTIAL  
4 SETTINGS OF THEIR OWN CHOICE;

5 (a) (c) To develop and administer a state plan on aging, which  
6 includes input from area agencies on aging [REDACTED] DEVELOPED IN  
7 ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL GUIDELINES, WITH ADDITIONAL CONTENT TO  
8 THE PLAN TO BE DETERMINED COLLABORATIVELY BETWEEN THE STATE  
9 OFFICE, THE COMMISSION, AND THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
10 CONVENED IN THE STATE OFFICE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(k) OF THIS  
11 SECTION. THE ADDITIONAL CONTENT TO THE PLAN REFLECTS THE  
12 COMPREHENSIVE IMPACTS AND PLANNING ASSOCIATED WITH COLORADO'S  
13 DEMOGRAPHICS. [REDACTED]

14 (b) (d) To establish a process that encourages local, regional, and  
15 statewide participation in the development stages of the state plan on  
16 aging, which shall be coordinated with the area agencies on aging, the  
17 commission established under PURSUANT TO part 1 of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE  
18 11, and other persons or entities involved in programs for older persons;

19 (c) (e) To assist public and nonprofit private agencies AND THE  
20 FOR-PROFIT SECTOR in planning and developing programs to facilitate a  
21 statewide network of comprehensive, coordinated services and  
22 opportunities for older persons COLORADANS, giving priority to those  
23 agencies, programs, services, and activities that support independent  
24 living, PREPARE COLORADANS FOR THEIR LATER YEARS, AND EMPOWER  
25 OLDER COLORADANS TO BE SELF-RELIANT AND INDEPENDENT, WHICH  
26 INCLUDES FOSTERING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WHEN APPROPRIATE;

27 (d) (f) To study those aspects of the problems of aging necessary

1 to accomplish the purpose of state policy through such activities as  
2 conducting research, computing statistics, ~~and~~ EVALUATING EMERGING  
3 TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS, holding hearings, AND DRAFTING  
4 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS;

5 ~~(e)~~ (g) To maintain a clearinghouse of information related to the  
6 interests and needs of older ~~persons~~ COLORADANS and act as a referral  
7 service for the dissemination of ~~said~~ THE information;

8 ~~(f)~~ (h) To assess the need for services to be provided to the older  
9 population within the state and determine the extent to which the state's  
10 service delivery system serves ~~said~~ THAT population, with particular  
11 emphasis on older ~~persons~~ COLORADANS with the greatest economic and  
12 social needs, AS WELL AS EMPOWERING OLDER COLORADANS TO PLAN FOR  
13 THE NEEDS OF INCREASED LIFE EXPECTANCY;

14 ~~(g)~~ (i) To encourage and support the involvement of volunteers  
15 and seek ways to utilize the private sector to ~~assume greater responsibility~~  
16 ~~in meeting the needs of older persons; and~~ CAPITALIZE ON THE  
17 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OLDER COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

18 ~~(h)~~ (j) To designate area agencies on aging to assist the state office  
19 in carrying out its functions in specified geographic areas within the state;

20 (k) TO CONVENE AND COORDINATE A TECHNICAL ADVISORY  
21 COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF KEY STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES,  
22 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,  
23 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
24 EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING,  
25 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
26 ENVIRONMENT, AND DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS TO DIRECT THE  
27 IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND STRATEGIES PROVIDED IN

1 THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO  
2 SECTION 24-32-3406 AND RECOMMENDATIONS THE COMMISSION MAKES  
3 AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 26-11-105; AND

4 (1) TO COORDINATE WITH THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
5 AND COMMISSION TO DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, AND MAKE PUBLICLY  
6 AVAILABLE ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE A COLLECTION OF  
7 AVAILABLE DATA SETS; METRICS SPECIFIC TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
8 STRATEGIES IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING  
9 DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406 AND THE LIFELONG  
10 COLORADO INITIATIVE CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-302; AND  
11 OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE COMMISSION MAKES AS SET FORTH  
12 IN SECTION 26-11-105.

13 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 3 to article  
14 11 of title 26 as follows:

15 **PART 3**

16 **LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE**

17 **26-11-301. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 3, UNLESS THE  
18 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

19 (1) "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
20 ELECTED BY THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 26-11-102.

21 (2) "LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE" MEANS THE LIFELONG  
22 COLORADO INITIATIVE CREATED IN SECTION 26-11-302 TO LEAD THE  
23 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL  
24 STRATEGIES THAT SUPPORT AGING AND ASSIST OLDER COLORADANS TO  
25 LEAD INDEPENDENT, MEANINGFUL, AND DIGNIFIED LIVES IN  
26 AGE-APPROPRIATE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHIN THEIR  
27 COMMUNITIES.

1 (3) "STATE OFFICE" MEANS THE STATE OFFICE ON AGING WITHIN  
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CREATED IN SECTION 26-11-202.

3 (4) "STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING" MEANS THE STRATEGIC  
4 ACTION PLAN ON AGING DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406.

5 (5) "TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE" MEANS THE TECHNICAL  
6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENED IN THE STATE OFFICE PURSUANT TO  
7 SECTION 26-11-203.

8 **26-11-302. Lifelong Colorado initiative - created - reporting.**

9 (1) THERE IS CREATED THE LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE WITHIN THE  
10 STATE OFFICE. THE PURPOSE OF THE LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE IS  
11 TO:

12 (a) REPRESENT STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL STRATEGIES THAT  
13 SUPPORT AGING AND ASSIST OLDER COLORADANS TO LEAD INDEPENDENT,  
14 MEANINGFUL, AND DIGNIFIED LIVES IN THEIR OWN HOMES AND  
15 COMMUNITIES;

16 (b) REPRESENT THE CONTINUED GOALS, PRIORITIES, AND  
17 STRATEGIES ALIGNED WITH THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING AND  
18 OTHER STRATEGIES DEVELOPED THROUGH ONGOING WORK IN THE PUBLIC,  
19 PRIVATE, AND NONPROFIT SECTORS THAT SUPPORT OLDER COLORADANS;

20 (c) LEAD THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGE-FRIENDLY, LIVABLE  
21 COMMUNITIES; AND

22 (d) ALIGN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND  
23 IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH A DEMOGRAPHIC LENS THAT SUPPORTS AGING  
24 ACROSS AN INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE.

25 (2) PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-203 (1)(k), THE STATE OFFICE  
26 SHALL CONVENE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN  
27 SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, AND MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY. THE DUTIES OF THE

1 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

2 (a) IDENTIFYING STATE DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES THAT OVERLAP  
3 WITH THE GOALS AND STRATEGIES PROVIDED IN THE STRATEGIC ACTION  
4 PLAN ON AGING AND RECOMMENDATIONS THE COMMISSION MAKES AS SET  
5 FORTH IN SECTION 26-11-105;

6 (b) COORDINATING WITH RESPECTIVE STATE AGENCIES AND  
7 STAKEHOLDERS TO INITIATE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION  
8 OF APPROPRIATE STRATEGIES;

9 (c) DEVELOPING TRACKABLE GOALS AND METRICS FOR STRATEGIES  
10 AND PROGRAMS AND REPORTING ON PROGRESS, WHICH MUST BE MADE  
11 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-203 (1)(l); AND

12 (d) SUPPORTING THE STATE OFFICE AND COMMISSION WITH  
13 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND TRACKING IMPLEMENTATION AND  
14 PROGRESS OF THE GOALS AND STRATEGIES PROVIDED IN THE STRATEGIC  
15 ACTION PLAN ON AGING AND RECOMMENDATIONS THE COMMISSION MAKES  
16 AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 26-11-105.

17 (3) THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IN COORDINATION  
18 WITH RESPECTIVE STATE AGENCIES AND THE COMMISSION, SHALL IDENTIFY  
19 APPROPRIATE POLICY STAFF WITHIN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR ONGOING  
20 COORDINATION AND REPORTING NEEDS.

21 (4) THE STATE OFFICE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSION  
22 AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE  
23 STATE DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE IN ITS REPORT TO THE COMMITTEES OF  
24 REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO THE "SMART MEASUREMENT FOR  
25 ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART)  
26 GOVERNMENT ACT" HEARING REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-7-203,  
27 INFORMATION FROM THE STATE OFFICE REGARDING THE PROGRESS AND

1 BARRIERS SPECIFIC TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION  
2 PLAN ON AGING.

3 (5) THE STATE OFFICE; THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE;  
4 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT LIAISON  
5 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-104 SHALL MEET QUARTERLY TO  
6 ENSURE THAT THE PERSPECTIVES OF OLDER COLORADANS AND THE  
7 STATE'S PERSPECTIVE REMAIN ALIGNED TO COORDINATE PROGRESS IN THE  
8 DEVELOPMENT OF STATE PROGRAMS AND POLICY.

9 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11-205, **amend**  
10 (1) introductory portion as follows:

11 **26-11-205. Area agency on aging advisory council.** (1) Each  
12 area agency on aging, designated pursuant to section 26-11-203, ~~(1)(h)~~,  
13 shall designate an advisory council consisting of a representative body of  
14 laypersons and service providers ~~which~~ WHO represent the interests of  
15 older persons within the planning and service area. ~~Said~~ THE advisory  
16 council shall:

17 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11-205.7,  
18 **amend** (2) as follows:

19 **26-11-205.7. Community long-term care study - older**  
20 **Coloradans study cash fund - strategic plan - authority to implement.**

21 (2) If the study conducted pursuant to ~~paragraph (a) of subsection (1)~~  
22 SUBSECTION (1)(a) of this section concludes that increasing funding for  
23 community-based services as provided in the older Coloradans program  
24 would result in cost savings, by July 1, 2011, subject to the receipt of  
25 sufficient ~~moneys~~ MONEY pursuant to ~~paragraph (b) of subsection (1)~~  
26 SUBSECTION (1)(b) of this section, the state department shall report to the  
27 members of the health and human services committees of the senate and



1 house of representatives, or any successor committees, and to the  
2 members of the joint budget committee a long-term strategic  
3 implementation plan, developed in cooperation with the area agencies on  
4 aging designated pursuant to section 26-11-203, ~~(1)(h)~~, that identifies the  
5 expected needs for services and recommends potential funding sources.

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