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HOUSE BILL 22-1192

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
102 INITIATIVE'S DISPLACED WORKERS GRANT, AND, IN CONNECTION
103 THEREWITH, CODIFYING THE GRANT AND EXTENDING A RELATED
104 EXISTING 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 codifies the department of higher education's Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative's (initiative) displaced workers grant and extends the authority for the

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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initiative to use an appropriation received in the 2020-21 state fiscal year for the displaced workers grant to disperse grant awards to grant recipients through the 2023-24 state fiscal year.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-3.3-1008 as
3 follows:

4 **23-3.3-1008. Displaced workers grant - repeal.** (1) PURSUANT
5 TO THE INITIATIVE'S INTENDED PURPOSE STATED IN SECTION 23-3.3-1001
6 (1)(a) AND AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SECTION 23-3.3-1004 (4)(a), THE
7 INITIATIVE MAY PROVIDE DISPLACED WORKERS GRANTS FOR THE PURPOSE
8 OF SUPPORTING COLORADANS DISPLACED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
9 WHO HAVE AN INCENTIVE TO RESKILL, UPSKILL, OR COMPLETE
10 INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC
11 PROSPECTS FOR THEMSELVES OR THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE INITIATIVE
12 MUST DISPERSE GRANT AWARDS TO GRANT RECIPIENTS ON AN ANNUAL
13 BASIS OR MORE FREQUENTLY, AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE
14 DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

15 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2021, section 2 of
17 chapter 318 (SB 21-232), **amend** (1) as follows:

18 Section 2. **Appropriation.** (1) (a) For the 2020-21 state fiscal
19 year, ~~\$15,000,000~~ \$1,950,000 is appropriated to the department of higher
20 education for use by the Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative
21 advisory board. This appropriation is from the workers, employers, and
22 workforce centers cash fund created in section 24-75-231 (2)(a), C.R.S.,
23 and ~~from~~ IS OF money the state received from the federal coronavirus state
24 fiscal recovery fund. The Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative

1 advisory board may use this appropriation for the Colorado opportunity
2 scholarship initiative's displaced workers grant. ~~Any money appropriated~~
3 ~~in this section not expended prior to July 1, 2021, is further appropriated~~
4 ~~to the Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative advisory board for the~~
5 ~~2021-22 state fiscal year for the same purpose.~~

6 (b) FOR THE 2021-22 STATE FISCAL YEAR, \$13,050,000 IS
7 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR USE BY
8 THE COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE ADVISORY BOARD.
9 THIS APPROPRIATION IS FROM THE WORKERS, EMPLOYERS, AND
10 WORKFORCE CENTERS CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-231 (2)(a),
11 C.R.S., AND IS OF MONEY THE STATE RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL
12 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND. THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY
13 USE THIS APPROPRIATION FOR THE COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
14 INITIATIVE'S DISPLACED WORKERS GRANT. ANY MONEY APPROPRIATED IN
15 THIS SECTION NOT EXPENDED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2022, IS FURTHER
16 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR USE BY
17 THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE 2022-23 AND 2023-24 STATE FISCAL
18 YEARS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

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.