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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CULTURALLY RELEVANT TRAINING AVAILABLE TO**
102 **HEALTH-CARE providers AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **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>.)

The bill requires the office of health equity (office) in the department of public health and environment to:

- Create a culturally relevant and affirming health-care training grant program to provide money to nonprofit entities to develop new, culturally responsive training

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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- programs to benefit priority populations; and
- Contract with a third-party administrator to administer the program.

The third-party administrator is required to:

- Issue a request for proposal for applications from nonprofit entities who wish to participate in the program to develop culturally relevant and affirming health-care training for health-care professionals; and
- Submit the list of the qualified applicants for the program to the health equity commission in the office for approval.

Each regulator in the division of professions and occupations in the department of regulatory agencies for the applicable health-care professional is required to provide information concerning the training courses available to the licensee, certificate holder, or registrant. The regulator is required to encourage participation in the training courses.

The general assembly is required to appropriate \$1 million to the department for allocation to the office for the program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-4-2209 as
3 follows:

4 **25-4-2209. Culturally relevant and affirming health-care**
5 **training - health-care providers - grants - definition.** (1) AS USED IN
6 THIS SECTION:

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8 **(a) "PRIORITY POPULATIONS" MEANS PEOPLE EXPERIENCING**
9 **HOMELESSNESS; PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM;**
10 **PEOPLE OF COLOR; AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES; VETERANS;**
11 **PEOPLE WHO ARE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, OR**
12 **QUESTIONING; OLDER ADULTS; CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; AND PEOPLE WITH**
13 **DISABILITIES, INCLUDING PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING,**
14 **PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND AND DEAFBLIND, PEOPLE WITH BRAIN INJURIES,**
15 **PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND**
16 **PEOPLE WITH OTHER CO-OCCURRING DISABILITIES.**

1 **(b)** "PROGRAM" MEANS THE CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND
2 AFFIRMING HEALTH-CARE TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN
3 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

4 **(c)** "PROVIDER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR
5 REGISTERED PURSUANT TO TITLE 12 TO PROVIDE HEALTH-CARE SERVICES
6 AND AN INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED OR LICENSED AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL
7 SERVICE PROVIDER BY THE DEPARTMENT. "PROVIDER" DOES NOT INCLUDE
8 A VETERINARIAN.

9 **(d)** "REGULATOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN
10 SECTION 12-20-102 (14).

11 (2) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, THE OFFICE SHALL
12 CREATE A CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND AFFIRMING HEALTH-CARE
13 TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MONEY TO NONPROFIT ENTITIES
14 AND STATEWIDE ASSOCIATIONS OF HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS TO DEVELOP
15 NEW, CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT
16 PRIORITY POPULATIONS.

17 (b) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE SHALL CONTRACT WITH A
18 THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM. THE
19 THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL:

20 (I) ISSUE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR NONPROFIT ENTITIES AND
21 STATEWIDE ASSOCIATIONS OF HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS WHO WISH TO
22 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM TO DEVELOP CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND
23 AFFIRMING HEALTH-CARE TRAINING FOR PROVIDERS; AND

24 (II) SUBMIT THE LIST OF THE QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR THE
25 PROGRAM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.

26 (3) IN ORDER TO BE QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM,
27 THE NONPROFIT ENTITY AND STATEWIDE ASSOCIATIONS OF HEALTH-CARE

1 PROVIDERS MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND
2 AFFIRMING HEALTH-CARE TRAINING THAT:

3 (a) TEACHES PROVIDERS HOW TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE, EQUITABLE,
4 UNDERSTANDABLE, SAFE, QUALITY, AND RESPECTFUL CARE AND SERVICES
5 THAT ARE RESPONSIVE TO DIVERSE CULTURAL HEALTH BELIEFS AND
6 PRACTICES, PREFERRED LANGUAGES, HEALTH LITERACY, AND OTHER
7 COMMUNICATION NEEDS;

8 (b) EQUIPS PROVIDERS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND
9 AWARENESS TO BEST SERVE ALL PATIENTS, REGARDLESS OF CULTURAL OR
10 LANGUAGE BACKGROUND; AND

11 (c) FOCUSES ON:

12 (I) CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND CLINICALLY COMPETENT CARE
13 FOR PRIORITY POPULATIONS; AND

14 (II) INTERSECTIONALITY, RESPECTFUL CARE, IMPLICIT BIASES, AND
15 SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY DATA COLLECTION.

16 (4) WHILE CREATING THE LIST OF QUALIFIED ENTITIES TO CONDUCT
17 THE CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND AFFIRMING HEALTH-CARE TRAINING,
18 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE SHALL CONSIDER THE ABILITY OF EACH
19 QUALIFIED ENTITY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PRIORITY POPULATIONS
20 THROUGH ITS TRAINING PROGRAM.

21 (5) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE LIST OF QUALIFIED
22 ENTITIES THAT APPLY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE GRANT PROGRAM,
23 SELECT ENTITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT PROGRAM, AND PROVIDE
24 A LIST OF THE SELECTED ENTITIES TO THE OFFICE.

25 (6)(a) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE A LIST OF QUALIFIED ENTITIES
26 THAT ARE SELECTED BY THE COMMISSION, A DESCRIPTION OF THE
27 TRAINING OFFERED, AND INFORMATION REGARDING THE GRANT PROGRAM

1 TO THE REGULATOR OF EACH PROVIDER.

2 (b) EACH QUALIFIED ENTITY THAT IS SELECTED BY THE
3 COMMISSION TO PROVIDED TRAINING IS ENCOURAGED TO WORK WITH
4 REGULATORS IN EACH HEALTH-CARE PROFESSION TO ENSURE THAT EACH
5 PROVIDER WHO COMPLETES THE TRAINING RECEIVES CONTINUING
6 EDUCATION CREDIT WHERE APPLICABLE.

7 (7) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM
9 THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALLOCATION TO THE OFFICE
10 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING PAYMENT FOR A
11 THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR. ANY UNEXPENDED MONEY REMAINING AT
12 THE END OF THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR:

13 (a) DOES NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER
14 FUND;

15 (b) MAY BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN SUBSEQUENT STATE
16 FISCAL YEARS WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION; AND

17 (c) SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE OTHER THAN THE
18 PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

19 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-30-119 as
20 follows:

21 **12-30-119. Culturally relevant and affirming health-care**
22 **training - health-care providers - grants - definition.** (1) AS USED IN
23 THIS SECTION, "HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL
24 LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR REGISTERED PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE 12 TO
25 PROVIDE HEALTH-CARE SERVICES. "HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER" DOES NOT
26 INCLUDE A VETERINARIAN.

27 (2) EACH REGULATOR OF HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS SHALL

1 PROVIDE EACH HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER WITH THE INFORMATION THAT THE
2 REGULATOR RECEIVES FROM THE OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY PURSUANT TO
3 SECTION 25-4-2209 REGARDING THE CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND
4 AFFIRMING HEALTH-CARE TRAINING COURSES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO
5 EACH LICENSEE, CERTIFICATE HOLDER, AND REGISTRANT. EACH
6 REGULATOR SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO EACH HEALTH-CARE
7 PROVIDER AT THE TIME THE HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER IS ISSUED OR RENEWS
8 A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION AND SHALL ENCOURAGE
9 PARTICIPATION IN THE TRAINING COURSES.

10 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2022-23 state fiscal year,
11 \$900,000 is appropriated to the department of public health and
12 environment for use by administration and support. This appropriation is
13 from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this
14 appropriation for program costs related to the office of health equity. Any
15 money appropriated in this section not expended prior to July 1, 2023, is
16 further appropriated to the department for the 2023-24 state fiscal year for
17 the same purpose.

18 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
21 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
22 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
23 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
24 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
25 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.