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SENATE BILL 22-182

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC MOBILITY FOR**
102 **COLORADANS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE**
103 **ECONOMIC MOBILITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF**
104 **PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE**
105 **DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO CONTRACT FOR THE**
106 **USE OF AN ONLINE PLATFORM TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH**
107 **ACCESSING PUBLIC BENEFITS AND 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>.)

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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SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 25, 2022

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 22, 2022

The bill creates the economic mobility program within the department of public health and environment and creates the economic mobility program fund, requiring a \$4 million transfer to the fund from the economic recovery and relief cash fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 23-1-139** as
3 follows:

4 **23-1-139. Department directive - contract for use of online**
5 **platform for public benefits.** THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT FOR
6 AND FACILITATE THE USE OF AN ONLINE PLATFORM BY ANY INSTITUTION
7 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN COLORADO, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, IN
8 ORDER TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN ACCESSING PUBLIC BENEFITS. INDIVIDUAL
9 INSTITUTIONS THAT USE THE ONLINE PLATFORM THAT THE DEPARTMENT
10 CONTRACTS FOR ARE REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY FOR USE OF
11 THE PLATFORM.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 14 to article
13 20.5 of title 25 as follows:

14 PART 14

15 ECONOMIC MOBILITY PROGRAM

16 **25-20.5-1401. Economic mobility program - creation - fund -**
17 **reporting - legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
18 HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

19 (a) THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS HAD DEVASTATING ECONOMIC
20 AND HEALTH CONSEQUENCES ACROSS THE STATE;

21 (b) THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS SPECIFICALLY
22 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS EARNING
23 LOW OR NO INCOME AND EXACERBATED PRE-EXISTING DISPARITIES;

1 (c) ECONOMIC MOBILITY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS TAX CREDITS AND
2 OTHER INVESTMENTS IN FINANCIAL WELL-BEING, IMPROVE FAMILY
3 RESILIENCY AND LONG-TERM HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR
4 COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

5 (d) TAX CREDITS FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS EARNING LOW OR
6 NO INCOME ARE ASSOCIATED WITH FEWER ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EVENTS,
7 REDUCED INFANT MORTALITY, REDUCED CHILD MALTREATMENT, REDUCED
8 TRAUMA, AND BETTER CHILDHOOD NUTRITION. INCOME FROM TAX
9 CREDITS LEADS TO BENEFITS AT VIRTUALLY EVERY STAGE OF LIFE, AND
10 CHILDREN IN FAMILIES RECEIVING THE TAX CREDITS ARE HEALTHIER, DO
11 BETTER IN SCHOOL, ARE LIKELIER TO ATTEND COLLEGE, AND CAN BE
12 EXPECTED TO EARN MORE AS ADULTS.

13 (e) TAX CREDITS ALSO SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIES;

14 (f) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND
15 UPTAKE OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, SUCH AS TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE TO
16 LOW OR NO INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS, WILL RESPOND TO THE
17 COVID-19 PANDEMIC'S NEGATIVE IMPACT IN ALL COMMUNITIES; AND

18 (g) THE PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS SECTION AND SERVICES
19 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION ARE IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

20 (2) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT
21 SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY PROGRAM,
22 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "PROGRAM", TO IMPROVE HEALTH
23 AND EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH REDUCED POVERTY AND
24 IMPROVED ECONOMIC MOBILITY FOR COLORADANS.

25 (3) (a) THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY PROGRAM FUND, REFERRED TO IN
26 THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE
27 TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND

1 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(d) OF THIS SECTION, ALL PRIVATE AND
2 PUBLIC MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS THAT
3 IS TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER AND CREDITED TO THE FUND,
4 AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE
5 OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.

6 (b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
7 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
8 FUND TO THE FUND.

9 (c) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM AND FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

12 (I) OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT OF AND BY PARTNERS WHO HAVE
13 DIRECT CONNECTIONS WITH FAMILIES AND LOW-WAGE INDIVIDUALS AND
14 WITH HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES TO PROMOTE
15 AWARENESS AND UPTAKE OF ECONOMIC SUPPORTS, INCLUDING TAX
16 CREDITS;

17 (II) FACILITATING COMMUNICATION, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL
18 ASSISTANCE AMONG STATE AGENCY PARTNERS, PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES,
19 AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING ECONOMIC
20 MOBILITY;

21 (III) GRANTS TO NONPROFITS, LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES,
22 AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS
23 WITH ACCESSING ECONOMIC SUPPORTS, INCLUDING THOSE PROVIDING FREE
24 LOW-INCOME TAX FILING SERVICES THROUGH INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
25 CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE SITES;

26 (IV) GRANTS TO SUPPORT ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE TO
27 IMPROVE ACCESS TO FREE TAX FILING ASSISTANCE AND OTHER ECONOMIC

1 SUPPORTS THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF ONLINE PLATFORMS THAT PROVIDE
2 LINKAGES TO SERVICES;

3 (V) DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF COMMUNICATIONS
4 MATERIALS RELATED TO ECONOMIC MOBILITY PROVIDING INFORMATION
5 ON ELIGIBILITY AND DIRECTING COLORADANS TO RESOURCES TO BE ABLE
6 TO ACCESS ECONOMIC SUPPORTS, INCLUDING TAX CREDITS;

7 (VI) GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, AND DIRECT AND INDIRECT
8 PROGRAM COSTS; AND

9 (VII) EVALUATION OF EVIDENCED-BASED AND PROMISING
10 PRACTICES IN ECONOMIC MOBILITY STRATEGIES.

11 (d) ON JULY 1, 2022, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
12 FOUR MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF
13 CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-228 (2)(a) TO THE FUND. MONEY
14 TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(d) IS
15 SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBLIGATING AND EXPENDING MONEY
16 RECEIVED UNDER THE FEDERAL "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021",
17 PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED, AND AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL TREASURY
18 FINAL RULE.

19 (4) THE DEPARTMENT AND ANY ENTITY THAT RECEIVES MONEY
20 FROM THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,
21 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
22 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND
23 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
24 24-75-226 (5).

25 **SECTION 3. Appropriation. (1) For the 2022-23 state fiscal**
26 **year, \$1,799,570 is appropriated to the department of public health and**
27 **environment for use by the prevention services division. This**

1 appropriation is from the economic mobility program cash fund created
2 in section 25-20.5-1401 (3)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division
3 may use this appropriation as follows:

4 (a) \$1,720,060 for maternal and child health, which amount is
5 based on an assumption that the division will require an additional 1.9
6 FTE; and

7 (b) \$79,510 for administration, which amount is based on an
8 assumption that the division will require an additional 1.2 FTE.

9 (2) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$171,000 is appropriated to
10 the department of higher education. This appropriation is from the general
11 fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation
12 for an online program to assist students in accessing public benefits.

13 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.