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**SENATE BILL 22-189**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Danielson and Pettersen,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**Senate Committees**

Health & Human Services  
Appropriations

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING CREATING THE COLORADO MULTIDISCIPLINARY**  
102            **GERIATRIC PROVIDER PIPELINE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE**  
103            **HEALTH CARE OF MEDICALLY COMPROMISED OLDER**  
104            **COLORADANS.**

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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 creates the Colorado multidisciplinary geriatric provider pipeline program (program) in the university of Colorado Anschutz medical campus. The program coordinates and expands geriatric 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.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*



1 COLORADO WILL BE OVER SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE;

2 (c) THERE ARE ONLY NINETY-NINE GERIATRIC PHYSICIANS ACROSS

3 THE STATE;

4 (d) THERE IS A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF GERIATRIC-TRAINED

5 CLINICIANS, PHARMACISTS, AND DENTISTS;

6 (e) THE NUMBER OF OLDER COLORADANS WILL PUT HIGH DEMANDS

7 ON THE STATE'S HEALTH-CARE SYSTEM;

8 (f) ON AVERAGE, PATIENTS TREATED BY A GERIATRIC-TRAINED

9 PHYSICIAN WERE HOSPITALIZED ONE DAY LESS THAN PATIENTS TREATED

10 BY A GENERAL PRACTITIONER;

11 (g) THE AVERAGE HOSPITAL STAY FOR ONE DAY COSTS ROUGHLY

12 TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE; AND

13 (h) READMISSION RATES FOR ELDERLY PATIENTS RELEASED FROM

14 HOSPITALS WITH ACUTE CARE FOR ELDER UNITS WAS AT LEAST FIVE

15 PERCENT LESS COMPARED TO PATIENTS RELEASED FROM HOSPITALS

16 WITHOUT ACUTE CARE FOR ELDER UNITS.

17 (2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT BY

18 BUILDING A MULTIDISCIPLINARY GERIATRIC PROVIDER PIPELINE PROGRAM

19 TO TRAIN AND SUPPORT GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE HEALTH-CARE FIELDS

20 OF MEDICINE, MEDICINE WITH A FOCUS ON TRAINING TO BE A PHYSICIAN

21 ASSISTANT, PHARMACY, DENTISTRY, NURSING, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL

22 WORK, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY,

23 FUTURE CLINICIANS WILL BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE MOST FRAIL

24 AND MEDICALLY COMPLEX, COSTLY, AND COMPROMISED OLDER

25 COLORADANS. COLLABORATION BETWEEN PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

26 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES, AND MEDICAL PROVIDERS WILL

27 ALLOW COLORADO TO PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY MEDICAL CARE TO THE

1 MOST FRAIL AND MEDICALLY COMPLEX, COSTLY, AND COMPROMISED  
2 OLDER COLORADANS AND TO BETTER FILL THE NEED FOR GERIATRIC CARE  
3 IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE.

4 **23-21-1102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 11, UNLESS THE  
5 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

6 (1) "CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENT" MEANS A GRADUATE STUDENT  
7 STUDYING AT A PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO  
8 IS TRAINING AS A DOCTOR, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, PHARMACIST, NURSE,  
9 DENTIST, PSYCHOLOGIST, SOCIAL WORKER, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, OR  
10 SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPIST.

11 (2) "COLORADO MULTIDISCIPLINARY GERIATRIC PROVIDER  
12 PIPELINE PROGRAM" OR "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLORADO  
13 MULTIDISCIPLINARY GERIATRIC PROVIDER PIPELINE PROGRAM CREATED IN  
14 SECTION 23-21-1103.

15 (3) "CONGREGATE CARE COMMUNITY" MEANS A RESIDENTIAL  
16 CARE FACILITY FOR OLDER ADULTS.

17 (4) "GERIATRIC TRAINING EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE" OR  
18 "COMMITTEE" MEANS THE GERIATRIC TRAINING EXECUTIVE ADVISORY  
19 COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 23-21-1104.

20 (5) "PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS  
21 A PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A PUBLIC INSTITUTION  
22 OF HIGHER EDUCATION PARTICIPATING IN THE COLORADO  
23 MULTIDISCIPLINARY GERIATRIC PROVIDER PIPELINE PROGRAM.

24 **23-21-1103. Colorado multidisciplinary geriatric provider**  
25 **pipeline program - created.** (1) THERE IS CREATED THE COLORADO  
26 MULTIDISCIPLINARY GERIATRIC PROVIDER PIPELINE PROGRAM IN THE  
27 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS. THE PURPOSE

1 OF THE PROGRAM IS TO COORDINATE AND EXPAND GERIATRIC TRAINING  
2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING  
3 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO ARE STUDYING IN THE FIELDS  
4 OF MEDICINE, MEDICINE WITH A FOCUS ON TRAINING TO BE A PHYSICIAN  
5 ASSISTANT, PHARMACY, DENTISTRY, NURSING, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL  
6 WORK, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY.

7 (2) BEGINNING IN THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, THE  
8 COMMITTEE, PROGRAM CHAIR OR THE PROGRAM CHAIR'S DESIGNEE, AND  
9 PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGHOUT  
10 COLORADO SHALL SELECT TWO CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENTS PER YEAR  
11 FROM EACH FIELD OF STUDY DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) TO  
12 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM'S GERIATRIC CURRICULUM. THE  
13 COMMITTEE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS  
14 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL PLACE CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENTS IN  
15 GERIATRIC CLINICAL SETTINGS FOR HANDS-ON EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING.  
16 TWO CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING FIELDS OF  
17 STUDY ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM:

- 18 (a) MEDICINE;
- 19 (b) MEDICINE WITH A FOCUS ON TRAINING TO BE A PHYSICIAN  
20 ASSISTANT;
- 21 (c) PHARMACY;
- 22 (d) DENTISTRY;
- 23 (e) NURSING;
- 24 (f) PSYCHOLOGY; ==
- 25 (g) SOCIAL WORK;
- 26 (h) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY; AND
- 27 (i) SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY.

1 (3) THE PROGRAM MUST PROVIDE UPDATED TRAINING EACH YEAR  
2 FOR CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENTS, PROFESSORS, AND COMMUNITY  
3 HEALTH PROVIDERS TO REVIEW NEW PATIENT-CENTERED GERIATRIC  
4 APPROACHES, INNOVATIONS, AND TECHNOLOGIES.

5 (4) THE PROGRAM CHAIR, OR THE PROGRAM CHAIR'S DESIGNEE,  
6 SHALL COLLABORATE WITH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
7 EDUCATION, COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDERS, AND CONGREGATE CARE  
8 COMMUNITIES TO PLACE CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENTS IN GERIATRIC  
9 CLINICAL SETTINGS FOR HANDS-ON EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING.

10 (5) THE PROGRAM CHAIR, OR THE PROGRAM CHAIR'S DESIGNEE,  
11 SHALL GATHER DATA ON THE FOLLOWING:

12 (a) THE NUMBER OF CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENTS  
13 PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM FROM EACH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION  
14 OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

15 (b) THE NUMBER OF CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO  
16 GRADUATE FROM THE PROGRAM; AND

17 (c) THE SUBSEQUENT LOCATION AND JOB PLACEMENT OF PROGRAM  
18 GRADUATES.

19 **23-21-1104. Geriatric training executive advisory committee**

20 **- created - training.** (1) THERE IS CREATED THE GERIATRIC TRAINING  
21 EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT TRAINING FOR THE  
22 PROGRAM IS CONSISTENT AND COLLABORATIVE ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY  
23 DEPARTMENTS, PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND  
24 MEDICAL FIELDS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE PROGRAM  
25 CHAIR, APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AND  
26 MEMBERS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

27 (a) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE;

- 1 (b) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY;
- 2 (c) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SCHOOL OF DENTAL  
3 MEDICINE;
- 4 (d) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A NURSING PROGRAM;
- 5 (e) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 PSYCHOLOGY; ==
- 7 (f) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM;
- 8 (g) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
9 PROGRAM; AND
- 10 (h) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY  
11 PROGRAM.
- 12 (2) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:
- 13 (a) APPOINT A PROGRAM CHAIR;
- 14 (b) SET THE PROGRAM'S STANDARDS FOR TRAINING AND DELIVERY  
15 OF MEDICAL CARE TO THE MOST FRAIL AND MEDICALLY COMPLEX, COSTLY,  
16 AND COMPROMISED OLDER COLORADANS;
- 17 (c) COLLABORATE WITH THE PROGRAM CHAIR AND PARTICIPATING  
18 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO SELECT CLINICAL GRADUATE  
19 STUDENTS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN GERIATRIC CARE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
20 THE PROGRAM;
- 21 (d) ANALYZE THE DATA COLLECTED IN SECTION 23-21-1103 (5);
- 22 (e) BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, COLLABORATE, AND CREATE A  
23 MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLINICIANS  
24 TO WORK TOGETHER IN TEAMS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ROLES OF  
25 EACH DISCIPLINE AND BETTER PLACE CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENTS FOR  
26 EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES; AND
- 27 (f) COORDINATE WITH GRADUATES OF THE PROGRAM FOR

1 OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME TRAINERS TO FUTURE CLINICAL GRADUATE  
2 STUDENTS ONCE PRACTICING IN THE GRADUATE'S FIELD OF STUDY.

3 **23-21-1105. Reporting.** BY JULY 1, 2024, AND NO LATER THAN  
4 JULY 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROGRAM  
5 SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT OF THE DATA COLLECTED IN SECTION 23-21-1103  
6 (5) AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE OR REGULATORY CHANGES  
7 TO FACILITATE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM TO THE  
8 PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF  
9 THE SENATE, THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE  
10 SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION  
11 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT IN THIS SECTION  
12 CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

13 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
16 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
17 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
18 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
19 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
20 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.