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**SENATE BILL 22-213**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101    **CONCERNING CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR NECESSARY CHILD CARE**  
102        **PROGRAMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
103        **APPROPRIATION.**

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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 appropriates:

- \$50 million from federal funds from child care development funds for the purposes of implementing the child care sustainability grant program;
- \$19 million from the economic recovery and relief cash

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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HOUSE  
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SENATE  
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fund to emerging and expanding the child care grant program;

- \$10 million from the economic recovery and relief cash fund to implement the employer-based child care facility grant program;
- \$15 million from the economic recovery and relief cash fund to implement the early child care and education recruitment and retention grant and scholarship program. Of the \$15 million, \$2 million must be dedicated for home visiting workforce, early childhood mental health consultants, and early intervention providers, with \$1.4 million of the \$2 million dedicated for non-educator workforce scholarships and loan forgiveness, and \$600,000 for developing consistent workforce pathways; and
- One million dollars to create and implement family-strengthening grant programs from the economic recovery and relief cash fund.

The bill creates the family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) support programs, which include an advisory group and a training program. The family, friend, and neighbor advisory group is created to advise the department on the needs of FFN providers and to make recommendations on changes to regulations, policies, funding, and procedures that would benefit the FFN community. The family, friend, and neighbor training program is created to allow community-based organizations and nonprofit organizations that have expertise working with FFN providers to provide them with information, training, and technical assistance to support best practices.

Subject to available appropriations, the department of early childhood shall make existing state programs available to the FFN community, including, but not limited to, home visitation, early intervention, early childhood mental health, workforce recruitment and retention, and family resource center services.

The bill appropriates \$4.5 million from the economic recovery and relief cash fund to implement the FFN support programs.

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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 as added by**  
3 **House Bill 22-1295**, 26.5-3-801 (2)(b) as follows:

4 **26.5-3-801. Legislative declaration.** (2) (b) The general  
5 assembly further finds that, to assist the state's workforce in returning to

1 work and maintaining employment without facing the difficult choice  
2 between working and accessing quality child care, it is critical that the  
3 state allocate and quickly distribute funding to existing and new child  
4 care providers throughout the state AND THAT SUCH ACTIONS CONSTITUTE  
5 CRITICAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-802, **as added**  
7 **by House Bill 22-1295, add (6)** as follows:

8 **26.5-3-802. Child care sustainability grant program - created**  
9 **- timeline and criteria - grant awards - funding - definitions.** (6) FOR  
10 THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL  
11 APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS FROM  
12 FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES  
13 OF IMPLEMENTING THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE MONEY APPROPRIATED IN  
14 THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
15 "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24. ANY MONEY  
16 APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6) REMAINS AVAILABLE  
17 FOR EXPENDITURE UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR.

18 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend as added by**  
19 **House Bill 22-1295, 26.5-3-803 (3) and (4)(c)(II); and add (1)(h.5) and**  
20 **(6)** as follows:

21 **26.5-3-803. Emerging and expanding child care grant**  
22 **program - created - timeline and criteria - grant awards - funding -**  
23 **definitions - repeal.** (1) As used in this section, unless the context  
24 otherwise requires:

25 (h.5) "GRANT RECIPIENT" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT  
26 RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM.

27 (3) (a) The department shall create a process for soliciting,

1 vetting, awarding, and monitoring grants through statewide early  
2 childhood councils.

3 (b) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS  
4 MAY RECEIVE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF FUNDING IN ADVANCE IN  
5 ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTER GRANT FUNDS AND MAINTAIN  
6 BUSINESS OPERATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OFFER TECHNICAL  
7 ASSISTANCE TO APPLICANTS WITH THEIR APPLICATIONS AND GRANT  
8 RECIPIENTS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR AWARDS. THE TECHNICAL  
9 ASSISTANCE MAY BE OFFERED TO ALL ELIGIBLE ENTITIES, AS DEFINED IN  
10 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, AND FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR  
11 PROVIDERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-3-808. THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
12 ALSO PROVIDE A GRANT RECIPIENT WITH A SEPARATE GRANT FOR  
13 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE GOALS OF THE RECIPIENT'S  
14 GRANT.

15 (4) (c) In determining grant awards, the department shall consider  
16 eligible entities located in a child care desert. The department shall also  
17 consider eligible entities that have or are actively pursuing:

18 (II) A commitment to engaging in quality improvement activities  
19 through the Colorado shines system, established in section 26.5-5-101;  
20 ~~within eighteen months of receipt of their grant award;~~

21 (6) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE  
23 ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
24 24-75-228 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE  
25 GRANT PROGRAM. OF THIS AMOUNT, UP TO TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED  
26 THOUSAND DOLLARS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD  
27 COUNCILS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-2-202, IN SUPPORT OF THE GRANT

1 PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REIMBURSE AN EARLY CHILDHOOD  
2 COUNCIL UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE GRANT AMOUNT FOR ALLOWABLE  
3 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM.

4 (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6) MUST  
5 CONFORM WITH THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL  
6 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.  
7 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER SPEND OR OBLIGATE SUCH  
8 APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2024, AND EXPEND THE  
9 APPROPRIATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026.

10 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,  
11 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION  
12 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND  
13 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
14 24-75-226 (5).

15 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
16 2027.

17 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend as added by**  
18 **House Bill 22-1295**, 26.5-3-804 (3) introductory portion, (8) introductory  
19 portion, and (9); and **add** (8.5) as follows:

20 **26.5-3-804. Employer-based child care facility grant program**  
21 **- created - timeline and criteria - eligibility - grant awards - reports**  
22 **- funding - definitions - repeal.** (3) The department shall solicit and  
23 review grant applications from eligible entities beginning on or before  
24 June 30, 2021, AND EVERY JUNE 30 THEREAFTER THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024,  
25 and begin to award grants no later than September 1, 2021, AND EVERY  
26 SEPTEMBER 1 THEREAFTER THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2024. Each  
27 application must include, at a minimum:

1 (8) On or before January 30, 2023, and on or before January 30,  
2 ~~2024~~ 2025, the department shall report progress on the grant program as  
3 part of its "State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and  
4 Transparent (SMART) Government Act" hearing required by section  
5 2-7-203. At a minimum, the report must include:

6 (8.5) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE  
8 ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
9 24-75-228 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING  
10 THIS SECTION.

11 (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (8.5) MUST  
12 CONFORM WITH THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL  
13 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.  
14 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER SPEND OR OBLIGATE SUCH  
15 APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2024, AND EXPEND THE  
16 APPROPRIATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026.

17 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,  
18 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION  
19 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND  
20 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
21 24-75-226 (5).

22 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (8.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
23 2027.

24 (9) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2024~~ SEPTEMBER 1,  
25 2027.

26 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-805, **as added**  
27 **by House Bill 22-1295, add (7) as follows:**

1           **26.5-3-805. Early care and education recruitment and**  
2 **retention grant and scholarship program - created - criteria and**  
3 **eligibility - grant and scholarship awards - reports - funding - rules**  
4 **- definitions - repeal.** (7) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE  
5 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM  
6 THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
7 24-75-228 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE  
8 PROGRAM. THE MONEY APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7)  
9 IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "PROCUREMENT CODE",  
10 ARTICLES 101 THROUGH 112 OF TITLE 24. FIVE MILLION DOLLARS MUST BE  
11 DEDICATED FOR HOME VISITING WORKFORCE, EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL  
12 HEALTH CONSULTANTS, AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDERS.

13           (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7) MUST  
14 CONFORM WITH THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL  
15 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.  
16 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER SPEND OR OBLIGATE SUCH  
17 APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2024, AND EXPEND THE  
18 APPROPRIATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026.

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

24           (d) THIS SUBSECTION (7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
25 2027.

26           **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **as article 3 is added**  
27 **by House Bill 22-1295, add 26.5-3-808 as follows:**

1           **26.5-3-808. Family, friend, and neighbor support programs -**  
2           **advisory group - training and support program - funding - definitions**

3           **- repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
4           REQUIRES:

5           (a) "ADVISORY GROUP" MEANS THE FAMILY, FRIEND, AND  
6           NEIGHBOR ADVISORY GROUP CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

7           (b) "ELIGIBLE ENTITY" MEANS A FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR  
8           PROVIDER THAT IS ACTIVELY PROVIDING INFORMAL, LICENSE-EXEMPT  
9           CHILD CARE.

10          (c) "FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR" OR "FFN" MEANS  
11          LICENSE-EXEMPT, INFORMAL CHILD CARE PROVIDED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS,  
12          OR NEIGHBORS IN AN IN-HOME SETTING ON A REGULAR BASIS PURSUANT  
13          TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 26.5-5-304 (1)(f).

14          (d) "TRAINING AND SUPPORT PROGRAM" MEANS THE FAMILY,  
15          FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT PROGRAM CREATED IN  
16          SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

17          (2) (a) THE FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR ADVISORY GROUP IS  
18          CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY GROUP IS  
19          TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON THE NEEDS OF FFN PROVIDERS AND TO  
20          MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHANGES TO  
21          REGULATIONS, POLICIES, FUNDING, AND PROCEDURES THAT WOULD  
22          BENEFIT THE FFN COMMUNITY. AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE  
23          MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP MUST RESIDE IN COUNTIES WITH A  
24          POPULATION BELOW FORTY THOUSAND PEOPLE.

25          (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONVENE THE ADVISORY GROUP,  
26          WHICH MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

27          (I) MEMBERS OF THE FFN EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE AND



1 REPRESENTATIVES OF GEOGRAPHICALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE  
2 FFN PROVIDERS. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
3 ENSURE THAT THE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I)  
4 CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP; AND

5 (II) PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE CARE THROUGH FFN  
6 PROVIDERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN OR  
7 SOCIAL SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTORS, EARLY  
8 CHILDHOOD COUNCILS, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, PRIVATE NONPROFIT  
9 ORGANIZATIONS, EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, AND  
10 PERSONS WITH EXPERTISE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND BUSINESS PRACTICES.

11 (c) MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP MAY RECEIVE PER DIEM  
12 COMPENSATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP  
13 IN THE SAME AMOUNT PAID TO LEGISLATORS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
14 2-2-307 (3)(a). MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP ARE ALSO ENTITLED  
15 TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALL ACTUAL AND NECESSARY TRAVEL AND  
16 SUSTENANCE EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THEIR SERVICE ON THE  
17 ADVISORY GROUP.

18 (3) (a) THE FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR TRAINING AND  
19 SUPPORT PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE  
20 TRAINING AND SUPPORT PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED  
21 ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE EXPERTISE  
22 WORKING WITH FFN PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE FFN PROVIDERS WITH  
23 INFORMATION, TRAINING, AND MATERIALS, AND TO SUPPORT FFN  
24 PROVIDERS WITH SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT,  
25 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND BEST PRACTICES AND  
26 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS EXISTING STATE PROGRAMS. TRAINING  
27 PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED

1 NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

2 (I) IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CHILD CARE AND CHILD  
3 DEVELOPMENT;

4 (II) ENSURING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILD CARE  
5 ENVIRONMENTS;

6 (III) FOSTERING THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF THE  
7 CHILD;

8 (IV) SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL, EMOTIONAL,  
9 PHYSICAL, OR COGNITIVE DISABILITIES OR DELAYS;

10 (V) OFFERING CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND EQUITABLE CHILD  
11 CARE;

12 (VI) STRENGTHENING THE BUSINESS PRACTICES OF CHILD CARE;

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14 (VII) PROMOTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND

15 (VIII) PROVIDING A HIGH-QUALITY EARLY LEARNING  
16 ENVIRONMENT THROUGH COACHING, GUIDANCE, AND MATERIALS IN AN  
17 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS PER  
18 ELIGIBLE ENTITY.

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20 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES FOR FFN PROVIDERS  
21 MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

22 (I) NAVIGATING THE STATE LICENSING AND QUALIFIED EXEMPT  
23 PROCESSES;

24 (II) ACCESSING EXISTING STATE FUNDING AND SERVICES;

25 (III) CONNECTING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS; AND

26 (IV) PROVIDING CAREER NAVIGATION ASSISTANCE.

27 (c) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUPPORT FFN COMMUNITIES ACROSS

1 THE STATE TO IMPLEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT FOSTER PEER  
2 LEARNING AND PROVIDE LOCALLY SPECIFIC SUPPORT.

3 (d) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND PUBLISH A PUBLIC  
4 WEBSITE FOR THE FFN COMMUNITY TO ACCESS TRAINING, TECHNICAL  
5 ASSISTANCE, AND RESOURCES.

6 (e) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE TRAINING AND  
7 SUPPORT PROGRAM IS CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND LINGUISTICALLY  
8 APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE FFN COMMUNITY AND UTILIZES  
9 A RESEARCH- AND COMMUNITY-INFORMED CURRICULUM.

10 (4) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT  
11 SHALL MAKE EXISTING STATE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE FFN  
12 COMMUNITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HOME VISITATION, EARLY  
13 INTERVENTION, EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANTS,  
14 WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, AND FAMILY RESOURCE  
15 CENTER SERVICES.

16 (5) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
18 DOLLARS FROM THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND  
19 CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-228 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES  
20 OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

21 (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) MUST  
22 CONFORM WITH THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL  
23 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.  
24 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER SPEND OR OBLIGATE SUCH  
25 APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2024, AND EXPEND THE  
26 APPROPRIATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026.

27 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,

1 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION  
2 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND  
3 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
4 24-75-226 (5).

5 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
6 2027.

7 (6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT PROGRESS ON THE SUPPORT  
8 PROGRAMS AS PART OF ITS "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE,  
9 RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT" HEARING  
10 REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-7-203.

11 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **as article 3 is added**  
12 **by House Bill 22-1295, add 26.5-3-904 as follows:**

13 **26.5-3-904. Home visiting grant program - authorized**  
14 **requirements - implementation partner - rules - definition - repeal.**

15 (1) (a) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
16 SHALL APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM  
17 THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
18 24-75-228 FOR \_\_\_\_\_ PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE HOME VISITING  
19 GRANT PROGRAM. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "HOME VISITING"  
20 MEANS A VOLUNTARY, EVIDENCE-BASED, TWO-GENERATION, AND  
21 HOME-BASED PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM  
22 PRENATAL TO SIX YEARS OF AGE. THE HOME VISITING GRANT PROGRAM  
23 MUST SUPPORT SCHOOL READINESS, SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL GROWTH, AND  
24 AGE-APPROPRIATE CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND BE DELIVERED BY A TRAINED  
25 HOME VISITOR. THE HOME VISITING GRANT PROGRAM MUST BE  
26 PRIORITIZED TO EXPAND ACCESS TO POPULATIONS THAT ARE  
27 UNDERSERVED BY LANGUAGE, CULTURE, OR GEOGRAPHY.

1 (b) MONEY SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) MUST  
2 CONFORM WITH THE ALLOWABLE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL  
3 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS AMENDED.  
4 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EITHER SPEND OR OBLIGATE SUCH  
5 APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2024, AND EXPEND THE  
6 APPROPRIATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026.

7 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,  
8 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION  
9 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND  
10 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
11 24-75-226 (5).

12 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2027.

13 **SECTION 8. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2022-23 state fiscal  
14 year, \$49,500,000 is appropriated to the department of early childhood.  
15 This appropriation is from the economic recovery and relief cash fund  
16 created in section 24-75-228 (2)(a), C.R.S., is of money the state received  
17 from the federal coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund, and is based on  
18 an assumption that the department will require an additional 9.6 FTE. To  
19 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for:

20 (a) \$16,000,000 for use by the early learning access and quality  
21 division for the emerging and expanding child care grant program, which  
22 amount is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
23 additional 3.5 FTE;

24 (b) \$10,000,000 for use by the early learning access and quality  
25 division for the employer-based child care facility grant program, which  
26 amount is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
27 additional 0.5 FTE;

1           (c) \$15,000,000 for use by the early learning access and quality  
2 division for the early care and education recruitment and retention grant  
3 and scholarship program, which amount is based on an assumption that  
4 the division will require an additional 2.5 FTE;

5           (d) \$7,500,000 for use by the early learning access and quality  
6 division for the family, friend, and neighbor training and support  
7 program, which amount is based on an assumption that the division will  
8 require an additional 2.8 FTE; and

9           (e) \$1,000,000 for use by the community and family support  
10 division for the home visiting grant program, which amount is based  
11 on an assumption that the division will require an additional 0.3 FTE.

12           (2) Any money appropriated in subsection (1) not expended prior  
13 to July 1, 2023, is further appropriated to the department from July 1,  
14 2023, through December 30, 2024, for the same purpose.

15           (3) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$50,000,000 is appropriated  
16 to the department of early childhood for use by the early learning access  
17 and quality division. This appropriation is from federal funds from child  
18 care development funds. To implement this act, the division may use this  
19 appropriation for the child care sustainability grant program. Any money  
20 appropriated in this section not expended prior to July 1, 2023, is further  
21 appropriated to the department from July 1, 2023, through September 30,  
22 2023, for the same purpose.

23           **SECTION 9. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2022.

24           **SECTION 10. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.