

## CHAPTER 143

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**GOVERNMENT - STATE**

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**SENATE BILL 22-100**

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**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW BOARD STATUTES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-702, **add** (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), and (13) as follows:

**24-31-702. Colorado domestic violence fatality review board - creation - membership - purpose - duties.** (8) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS NEEDED TO HELP ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A REVIEW TEAM AND SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING TO EXISTING REVIEW TEAMS AS NEEDED.

(9) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL PURSUE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

(a) IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION-SHARING BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES AS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS AND RISK;

(b) REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES IN THE STATE; AND

(c) IMPROVING RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS.

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(10) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY COORDINATION BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSES TO FATALITIES.

(11) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION IN ITS 2022 ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORT WHETHER AND HOW DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION TRAINING COULD BE PROVIDED FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE INITIAL CALL RESPONSE FUNCTIONS AND COULD BE PROVIDED FOR LOCAL BOARDS WHO MAY CONDUCT A FATALITY REVIEW TO CREATE GREATER TRUST BETWEEN LOCAL AGENCIES AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

(12) (a) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL COORDINATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP BEST PRACTICES FOR COLLECTING DATA ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED FATALITIES.

(b) THE REVIEW BOARD AND LOCAL REVIEW TEAMS SHALL COORDINATE TO IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVE INFORMATION-SHARING RELATED TO IDENTIFIED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES.

(13) (a) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL PERFORM OUTREACH TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL REVIEW TEAMS.

(b) THE REVIEW BOARD SHALL PRIORITIZE DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF LOCAL REVIEW TEAMS IN UNDERSERVED AND RURAL COMMUNITIES.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-31-706 as follows:

**24-31-706. Repeal of part.** This part 7 is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2022~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2027. PRIOR TO THE REPEAL OF THIS PART 7, THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW BOARD MUST BE REVIEWED AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 2-3-1203.

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 24-31-705 as follows:

**24-31-705. Colorado domestic violence fatality review board contracts - grants - cash fund created.** ~~(1) To fulfill its duties under this part 7 and subject to available money in the fund created in subsection (1)(c) of this section, the department and the review board may:~~

~~(a) Hire staff and contract with consultants with expertise in domestic violence fatality review;~~

~~(b) Contract with local entities;~~

~~(c) Expend money from the fund to pay the direct and indirect costs of implementing this part 7;~~

~~(d) Expend money from the fund to reimburse local review teams for the direct and indirect costs of implementing this part 7;~~

~~(e) Seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, and donations from private or public sources for the purposes of establishing the review board and carrying out its duties. The department and the review board shall transmit any such gift, grant, or donation to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the Colorado domestic violence review board cash fund, which fund is hereby created. The money in the fund is appropriated annually to the fund by the general assembly for the direct and indirect costs associated with the implementation of this part 7. All money in the fund not expended for the purpose of this part 7 may be invested by the state treasurer as provided by law. All interest and income derived from the investment and deposit of money in the fund is credited to the fund. Any unexpended and unencumbered money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year remains in the fund and may not be credited or transferred to the general fund or another fund.~~

~~(f) The review board and review teams are encouraged to apply for federal grants.~~

**SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add** (18)(a)(II) as follows:

**2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative declaration - definition - repeal.** (18) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal on July 1, 2027:

(II) THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 24-31-702.

**SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-701, **repeal** (2) as follows:

**24-31-701. Definitions.** As used in this part 7, unless the context requires otherwise:

(2) "Fund" means the Colorado domestic violence fatality review board cash fund created in section 24-31-705.

**SECTION 6. Appropriation.** For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$43,350 is appropriated to the department of law. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the office of community engagement.

**SECTION 7. Appropriation - adjustments to 2022 long bill.** To implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the Colorado domestic violence review board cash fund created in section 24-31-705 (1)(e), C.R.S., made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2022-23 state fiscal year to the department of law for use by the office of community engagement is decreased by \$2,500.

**SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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