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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ESTABLISHING THE DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION**
102 **PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND**
103 **ENVIRONMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
104 **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/>.)

Colorado Youth Advisory Council Committee. The bill establishes the office of disordered eating prevention (office) in the department of public health and environment (department).

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

The office and the department are required to:

- Create and maintain a resource bank for research, intervention methods, treatment resources, information on crisis services, awareness programs, and educational resources regarding disordered eating prevention and care in Colorado;
- Collaborate with the office of suicide prevention, the behavioral health administration, and organizations within the health-care industry to close gaps in care and provide support to individuals with disordered eating who transition out of inpatient care, facilitate public outreach, and increase awareness regarding disordered eating prevention and care with a focus on impacted communities, such as youth, people of color, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals;
- Create outreach resources directing youth on how to seek care for disordered eating and how to report concerns for other youth, with a focus on impacted communities, such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth and youth of color;
- Partner with the department of education to inform teachers, administrators, school staff, students, and parents on disordered eating preventions and treatment for youth;
- Collaborate with advocacy groups, including faith-based organizations, to support a shift in public perception regarding health-care systems and disordered eating treatment and prevention;
- Coordinate the disordered eating prevention research grant program; and
- Prepare written information for primary care offices and providers throughout the state. The information must be culturally specific concerning how to recognize and respond to a patient with disordered eating and include separate written information for providers and information that may be shared with an adult patient or a youth patient and the caregivers of the youth patient.

The bill creates the disordered eating prevention commission (commission) in the department. The commission will have 17 members with professional or personal connections to disordered eating prevention. The purpose of the commission is to:

- Provide public and private leadership on disordered eating prevention in Colorado;
- Set statewide, data-driven, evidence-based, and clinically informed priorities for disordered eating prevention in Colorado;

1 DISORDERED EATING BUT LESS LIKELY TO RECEIVE EATING DISORDER
2 TREATMENT, CREATING A DISPROPORTIONATE GAP IN EATING DISORDER
3 PREVENTION AND CARE; AND

4 (d) THERE IS LIMITED STATE-SPECIFIC RESEARCH ON DISORDERED
5 EATING AND ITS IMPACTS ON THE STATE OF COLORADO.

6 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, THEREFORE, THAT TO
7 UNDERSTAND DISORDERED EATING AND ITS IMPACTS ON COLORADANS,
8 THE STATE MUST FOCUS ON DEVELOPING RESEARCH AND RESOURCES TO
9 EDUCATE COLORADANS ON THE SEVERITY OF DISORDERED EATING,
10 PREVENT DISORDERED EATING IN COLORADO, AND SUPPORT COLORADANS
11 WHO DEVELOP DISORDERED EATING. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE
12 THAT DISORDERED EATING HARMS AND INCREASES THE MORTALITY RATE
13 OF PEOPLE OF COLOR; LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, OR TRANSGENDER
14 INDIVIDUALS; AND YOUTH.

15 **25-20.5-2002. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 20, UNLESS THE
16 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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18 (1) "DISORDERED EATING" MEANS A RANGE OF IRREGULAR EATING
19 DISORDERS THAT MAY WARRANT A DIAGNOSIS.

20 (2) "DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION PROGRAM" OR "PROGRAM"
21 MEANS THE DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION PROGRAM CREATED IN
22 SECTION 25-20.5-2003.

23 (3) "DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION RESEARCH GRANT
24 PROGRAM" OR "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE DISORDERED EATING
25 PREVENTION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION
26 25-20.5-2005.

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1 (4) "YOUTH" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LESS THAN
2 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE.

3 25-20.5-2003. Disordered eating prevention program -
4 creation - reports. (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE DISORDERED
5 EATING PREVENTION PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN
6 THE PREVENTION SERVICES DIVISION, ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
7 25-20.5-103.

8 (2) THE DIVISION SHALL:

9 (a) CREATE AND MAINTAIN AN EXTERNAL-FACING RESOURCE THAT
10 IS UPDATED ANNUALLY AND INCLUDES KEY INFORMATION ABOUT
11 DISORDERED EATING, INCLUDING RISK FACTORS AND PREVENTION
12 FACTORS. THE EXTERNAL-FACING RESOURCE MUST BE CULTURALLY
13 SENSITIVE, AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND
14 SPANISH.

15 (b) COLLABORATE WITH THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION,
16 CREATED IN SECTION 25-1.5-101 (1)(w), AND OTHER PROGRAMS WITHIN
17 THE DIVISION TO ALIGN WORK FOCUSED ON DISORDERED EATING,
18 FACILITATE PUBLIC OUTREACH, AND INCREASE AWARENESS REGARDING
19 DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION WITH A FOCUS ON IMPACTED
20 COMMUNITIES, SUCH AS YOUTH, PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND LESBIAN, GAY,
21 BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS;

22 (c) PARTNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INFORM
23 TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL STAFF, STUDENTS AND PARENTS ON
24 DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION; AND

25 (d) COORDINATE THE DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION RESEARCH
26 GRANT PROGRAM.

27 (3) THE DIVISION MAY:

1 (a) CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY TO CONDUCT FOCUS GROUPS,
2 INTERVIEW KEY INDIVIDUALS, CONDUCT SURVEYS, AND ESTABLISH A
3 COLLABORATIVE GROUP TO DISCUSS KEY ISSUES REGARDING DISORDERED
4 EATING PREVENTION;

5 (b) PARTNER WITH THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION,
6 CREATED IN SECTION 27-50-102; AND

7 (c) IDENTIFY DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION STRATEGIES,
8 INCLUDING DISMANTLING DISCRIMINATION AND BIAS WITH REGARD TO
9 WEIGHT. _____

10 (1) THE DIVISION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
11 OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF
12 THIS SECTION.

13 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), ON OR
14 BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2025, AND EVERY NOVEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE
15 DIVISION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
16 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
17 AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
18 OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, A REPORT THAT SUMMARIZES THE
19 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM _____ THE INFORMATION THE DIVISION RECEIVES
20 REGARDING THE DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION RESEARCH GRANT
21 PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-20.5-2005 (3)(b). THE DIVISION
22 SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT ANY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT
23 HAS TO IMPROVE DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION IN THE STATE.

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27 **25-20.5-2004. Disordered eating prevention research grant**

1 **program - creation - process - reporting requirements - definitions -**

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

4 (a) "ELIGIBLE APPLICANT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, NONPROFIT
5 ORGANIZATION, OR FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT CONDUCTS
6 RESEARCH ON DISORDERED EATING AND PREVENTION IN YOUTH AND
7 ADULTS OR SERVES YOUTH AND ADULTS WHO HAVE DISORDERED EATING
8 TRAITS.

9 (b) "GRANT RECIPIENT" MEANS AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT THAT THE
10 DIVISION SELECTS TO RECEIVE MONEY THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM.

11 (2) (a) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE DISORDERED
12 EATING PREVENTION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THE
13 GRANT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE
14 APPLICANTS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON THE ROOT CAUSES OF DISORDERED
15 EATING AND EXAMINE THE RISK FACTORS AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR
16 DISORDERED EATING IN YOUTH AND YOUTH ADULTS.

17 (b) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, THE DIVISION SHALL ADOPT
18 GUIDELINES FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE GUIDELINES MUST INCLUDE:

19 (I) APPLICATION PROCEDURES BY WHICH ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
20 MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION;

21 (II) CRITERIA TO USE IN SELECTING ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS TO
22 RECEIVE GRANT MONEY AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF GRANT
23 MONEY TO BE AWARDED TO EACH GRANT RECIPIENT;

24 (III) PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT
25 PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE DATES THE DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF
26 DISORDERED EATING PREVENTION ANNOUNCE THE GRANT PROGRAM,
27 BEGIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS, ALLOW ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT

1 APPLICATIONS, AND BEGIN DISTRIBUTING GRANT MONEY TO THE
2 GRANTEES; AND

3 (IV) ESTABLISH REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.

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5 (3) (a) EACH GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT
6 TO THE DIVISION. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE
7 RESEARCH MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GRANT MONEY.

8 (b) THE DIVISION SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT REQUIRED
9 PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-20.5-2003 (4) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
10 REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM DURING THE
11 PRECEDING YEAR:

12 (I) THE NUMBER OF GRANT RECIPIENTS THAT RECEIVED MONEY
13 FROM THE GRANT PROGRAM;

14 (II) THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT AWARD TO EACH GRANT
15 RECIPIENT;

16 (III) A SUMMARY OF GRANT RECIPIENTS' WRITTEN REPORTS
17 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (4) THE DIVISION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
19 OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF
20 THIS SECTION.

21 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

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24 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2023-24 state fiscal year,
25 \$26,679 is appropriated to the department of public health and
26 environment for use by the prevention services division. This
27 appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that

1 the division will require an additional 0.2 FTE. To implement this act, the
2 division may use this appropriation for the disordered eating prevention
3 program related to family and community health.

4 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
7 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
8 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
9 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
10 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.