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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE TONY GRAMPSAS YOUTH SERVICES**
102 **PROGRAM.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Creates the Colorado student before-and-after-school project ("project"), within the Tony Grampsas youth services program, to provide funding for before-and-after-school programs primarily for youth enrolled in grades 6 through 8. Describes the types of before-and-after-school programs that qualify for funding. Directs the Tony Grampsas youth services board to award the grants. Creates the Colorado student before-and-after-school program fund ("fund"), and identifies the sources

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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of moneys for the fund as gifts, grants, and donations and moneys collected from alcohol taxes.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 hereby finds that:

4 (a) A large percentage of Colorado students spend an average of
5 six hours without supervision before and after school due to a lack of
6 available before-and-after-school programs;

7 (b) Several studies show that violent juvenile crime is most likely
8 to occur in the afternoon hours, after school dismisses and before
9 students' parents arrive home from work, and that the odds that a child
10 will be a victim of violent crime more than triple during this time period;

11 (c) Studies also demonstrate that unsupervised children are three
12 times more likely to smoke, drink, or take drugs than their supervised
13 peers and that incidents of relatively low-level crimes, such as graffiti and
14 vandalism, increase dramatically among unsupervised youth;

15 (d) Several studies confirm that participation in youth
16 development programs before and after school not only provides youth
17 with necessary adult supervision but also significantly decreases youth
18 involvement in unhealthy and high-risk activities;

19 (e) In recent years, due to budgetary pressures at the state and
20 local levels, school districts have had to significantly reduce their
21 offerings of before-and-after-school programs, including athletics and
22 other extracurricular activities, and the state appropriations to fund
23 student dropout prevention and intervention programs at the state level
24 have been significantly decreased, resulting in a severe decrease in the
25 before-and-after-school program options available to parents whose

1 children need supervision during these hours.

2 (2) The general assembly therefore finds that creation of the
3 Colorado student before-and-after-school project in section 25-20.5-205,
4 Colorado Revised Statutes, to fund before-and-after-school youth
5 development programs is necessary to ensure the availability of effective
6 programs to provide necessary supervision for youth, reduce juvenile
7 criminal behavior, and help to ensure that the youth of the state become
8 healthy, mature, contributing members of society.

9 **SECTION 2.** Part 2 of article 20.5 of title 25, Colorado Revised
10 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
11 read:

12 **25-20.5-205. Colorado student before-and-after-school project**
13 **- creation - funding.** (1) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS
14 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

15 (a) "BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM
16 THAT MEETS BEFORE REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS OR AFTER REGULAR
17 SCHOOL HOURS OR DURING A PERIOD WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION.

18 (b) "FUND" MEANS THE COLORADO STUDENT
19 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROJECT FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (4)
20 OF THIS SECTION.

21 (c) "PROJECT" MEANS THE COLORADO
22 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROJECT CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS
23 SECTION.

24 (2) **Colorado student before-and-after-school project.** THERE
25 IS HEREBY CREATED, IN THE TONY GRAMPSAS YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM,
26 THE COLORADO STUDENT BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROJECT FOR THE
27 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANTS TO ENTITIES TO PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY

1 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE AN ALCOHOL OR
2 DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION COMPONENT. ENTITIES THAT
3 RECEIVE GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY THE GRANTS
4 TO CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
5 THAT PRIMARILY SERVE YOUTH ENROLLED IN GRADES SIX THROUGH EIGHT
6 OR YOUTH WHO ARE TWELVE TO FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE. THE
7 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS SHALL BE DESIGNED TO HELP
8 YOUTH DEVELOP THEIR INTERESTS AND SKILLS IN THE AREAS OF SPORTS
9 AND FITNESS, CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP, OR ARTS AND CULTURE AND
10 SHALL PROVIDE EDUCATION REGARDING THE DANGERS OF THE USE OF
11 ALCOHOL AND DRUGS. BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT ARE
12 DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO INCREASE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OR THAT
13 PROVIDE RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING
14 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

15 (3) **Administration.** (a) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE
16 PROJECT. THE BOARD SHALL SELECT THE ENTITIES THAT WILL RECEIVE
17 GRANTS THROUGH THE PROJECT AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT. IN
18 ADDITION, THE DIVISION SHALL MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
19 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVE MONEYS THROUGH
20 THE PROJECT. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS THROUGH THE PROJECT, AN
21 ENTITY SHALL APPLY TO THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMELINES
22 AND GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION
23 25-20.5-202. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART 2 OR ANY
24 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO
25 SECTION 25-20.5-202 (2) (b) TO THE CONTRARY, AN ENTITY MAY BE
26 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION REGARDLESS
27 OF WHETHER THE BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM TO WHICH THE

1 GRANT WOULD APPLY SERVES YOUTH WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR
2 REDUCED-COST LUNCH PURSUANT TO THE "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH
3 ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.

4 (b) THE GRANTS AWARDED THROUGH THE PROJECT SHALL BE PAID
5 FROM MONEYS APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND TO THE DIVISION. THE
6 BOARD AND GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY MONEYS
7 AWARDED THROUGH THE PROJECT TO LEVERAGE ADDITIONAL FUNDING AS
8 MATCHING FUNDS FROM PRIVATE AND FEDERAL SOURCES.

9 (4) **Colorado student before-and-after-school project fund.**

10 THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE COLORADO
11 STUDENT BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROJECT FUND THAT SHALL
12 CONSIST OF THE MONEYS CREDITED TO THE FUND PURSUANT SECTION
13 12-47-502 (1) (a), C.R.S. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO
14 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE DIVISION FOR
15 THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION AND
16 THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION
17 OF THIS SECTION. ANY MONEYS IN THE FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE
18 PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION MAY BE INVESTED BY THE STATE TREASURER AS
19 PROVIDED BY LAW. ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE
20 INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED
21 TO THE FUND. THE DIVISION MAY EXPEND UP TO TWO PERCENT OF THE
22 MONEYS ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND TO OFFSET THE COSTS
23 INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION. ANY UNEXPENDED AND
24 UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A
25 FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR
26 TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANOTHER FUND.

27 **SECTION 3.** 12-47-502 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is

1 amended to read:

2 **12-47-502. Fees and taxes - allocation.** (1) (a) All state license
3 fees and taxes provided for by this article and all fees provided for by
4 section 12-47-501 (2) and (3) for processing applications, reports, and
5 notices shall be paid to the department of revenue, which shall transmit
6 the fees and taxes to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall credit
7 eighty-five percent of the fees and taxes to the old age pension fund:
8 FOUR PERCENT OF THE FEES AND TAXES OR ONE MILLION DOLLARS,
9 WHICHEVER IS LESS, TO THE COLORADO STUDENT
10 BEFORE-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL PROJECT FUND CREATED IN SECTION
11 25-20.5-205 (4), C.R.S.; and the balance to the general fund.

12 **SECTION 4.** 25-20.5-201 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 **25-20.5-201. Tony Grampsas youth services program -**
15 **creation - standards - applications.** (1) (b) The Tony Grampsas youth
16 services program is established to provide state funding for
17 community-based programs that target youth and their families for
18 intervention services, INCLUDING THOSE STEMMING FROM YOUTH
19 ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, in an effort to reduce incidents of youth
20 crime and violence. In addition, the Tony Grampsas youth services
21 program shall promote prevention and education programs that are
22 designed to reduce the occurrence and reoccurrence of child abuse and
23 neglect and to reduce the need for state intervention in child abuse and
24 neglect prevention and education.

25 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.