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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE STATE AUXILIARY SERVICES  
102 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AUXILIARY SERVICES TO STATE  
103 AGENCIES.

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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>.)*

There is a state auxiliary services pilot program that arranges for the provision of auxiliary services for state departments and agencies that employ or serve individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind. The bill requires the Colorado commission for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind (commission) to continue the operations of the state

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auxiliary services program (program) indefinitely.

The commission is required to perform the following functions:

- Coordinate on a statewide basis the day-to-day scheduling for auxiliary services;
- Create and manage efficient and consistent processes through which an auxiliary services provider may submit required documentation and receive payment for auxiliary services provided;
- Create and manage a process for the intake and fulfillment of requests by state departments and agencies for auxiliary services;
- Resolve any issues that may arise with regard to auxiliary services;
- Communicate with auxiliary services users, auxiliary services providers, and appointing authorities; and
- Establish, monitor, and publish a list of CART providers and qualified interpreters.

The bill requires the commission to convene an advisory council to make recommendations concerning the provision of auxiliary services.

The bill requires the commission to include data on the functions of the program in its annual report to the governor and the general assembly.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-21-106, **add** (5.5)  
3 as follows:

4           **26-21-106. Powers, functions, and duties of commission -**  
5 **auxiliary services program - community access program - report -**  
6 **definitions - rules.** (5.5) (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONTINUE THE  
7 OPERATIONS OF THE STATE AUXILIARY SERVICES PROGRAM AS SET FORTH  
8 IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION. THE COMMISSION SHALL:

9           (I) ARRANGE FOR THE PROVISION OF AUXILIARY SERVICES FOR  
10 STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
11 THAT EMPLOY OR SERVE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING,  
12 AND DEAFBLIND BY PERFORMING THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

13           (A) COORDINATING ON A STATEWIDE BASIS THE DAY-TO-DAY

1 SCHEDULING FOR AUXILIARY SERVICES PROVIDED TO STATE DEPARTMENTS  
2 AND AGENCIES;

3 (B) CREATING AND MANAGING EFFICIENT AND CONSISTENT  
4 PROCESSES THROUGH WHICH AN AUXILIARY SERVICES PROVIDER MAY  
5 SUBMIT REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR  
6 AUXILIARY SERVICES PROVIDED;

7 (C) CREATING AND MANAGING A PROCESS FOR THE INTAKE AND  
8 FULFILLMENT OF REQUESTS BY STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES FOR  
9 AUXILIARY SERVICES, INCLUDING THE IDENTIFICATION, COORDINATION,  
10 AND APPOINTMENT OF AUXILIARY SERVICES PROVIDERS, TO MEET THE  
11 NEEDS OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE PROCEEDING, EVENT, OR  
12 CIRCUMSTANCE FOR WHICH A REQUEST IS MADE;

13 (D) RESOLVING ANY ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE WITH REGARD TO  
14 AUXILIARY SERVICES IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY FOR WHICH  
15 AUXILIARY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5.5);

16 (E) COMMUNICATING WITH AUXILIARY SERVICES USERS,  
17 AUXILIARY SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND APPOINTING AUTHORITIES, AS  
18 DEFINED IN SECTION 13-90-202 (1), IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR  
19 AGENCY FOR WHICH AUXILIARY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO  
20 THIS SUBSECTION (5.5);

21 (F) ESTABLISHING, MONITORING, AND PUBLISHING A LIST OF CART  
22 PROVIDERS AND QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS, AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTIONS  
23 (4)(g)(II)(A) AND (4)(g)(II)(B) OF THIS SECTION, ON THE COMMISSION'S  
24 PUBLIC WEBSITE; AND

25 (G) GATHERING DATA ON THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN  
26 SUBSECTIONS (5.5)(a)(I)(A) TO (5.5)(a)(I)(F) OF THIS SECTION;

27 (II) CREATE AN ADVISORY COUNCIL AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO

1 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION CONCERNING THE  
2 PROVISION OF AUXILIARY SERVICES TO STATE DEPARTMENTS AND  
3 AGENCIES.

4 (b) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES FOR THE  
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBSECTION (5.5) IN CONSULTATION WITH, OR  
6 AS PROPOSED BY, THE COMMISSION AND THE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND  
7 DEAFBLIND COMMUNITY.

8 (c) THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE DATA GATHERED PURSUANT  
9 TO SUBSECTION (5.5)(a)(I)(G) OF THIS SECTION IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT  
10 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1)(e) OF THIS SECTION.

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