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HOUSE BILL 16-1288

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees

Business Affairs and Labor
Finance
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Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN INDUSTRY INFRASTRUCTURE**
102 **GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE WORK FORCE**
103 **DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
104 **CREATING THE INDUSTRY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND AND MAKING**
105 **AN 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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill creates the industry infrastructure grant program (program) within the state work force development council (council). The

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

council is required to work with an authorized entity to award grants to entities that develop and maintain industry competency standardization to support businesses in their implementation of work site training programs that are organized in conjunction with education entities.

The bill creates the industry infrastructure fund to pay for the program. The fund consists of general fund money, a donation from the authorized nonprofit entity, and any other gifts, grants, or donations that the council receives.

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

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

4 (a) Consistently, across industries and businesses of all sizes, a
5 lack of experiential learning is one of the most significant barriers to a
6 reliable supply of skilled talent ready for high-quality careers;

7 (b) Colorado has a highly educated work force; however, too
8 many of these individuals are underemployed due to a lack of on-the-job
9 training and work experience;

10 (c) To close this gap, businesses must lead the development of
11 generally accepted industry-specific competencies with which education
12 and training in schools, labs, and in-the-workplace learning can align;

13 (d) Colorado is known nationally as a leader in public-private
14 partnerships, showing that industry has acknowledged that businesses
15 must play a critical role not only in determining and defining the
16 competencies needed but also in providing opportunities for training in
17 the workplace; and

18 (e) Colorado has implemented several innovations in education
19 and work force development, which provide the foundation for this work,
20 and we can build upon that to integrate deep workplace training alongside
21 the theories taught in the classroom.

1 (2) "INDUSTRY-DEFINED COMPETENCIES" MEANS THE SPECIFIC
2 KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES THAT INDUSTRY LEADERS,
3 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EMPLOYER ASSOCIATIONS, LABOR
4 UNIONS, OR STATE AND LOCAL LABOR FEDERATIONS HAVE COLLECTIVELY
5 IDENTIFIED AS BEING CRITICAL TO A SPECIFIC OCCUPATION OR GROUP OF
6 OCCUPATIONS EFFECTIVELY. THESE COMPETENCIES ARE BOTH
7 FOUNDATIONAL AND TASK-SPECIFIC.

8 (3) "STATE COUNCIL" MEANS THE STATE WORK FORCE
9 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-101.

10 **24-46.3-402. Industry infrastructure grant program - creation.**

11 THE INDUSTRY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM IS HEREBY
12 CREATED IN THE STATE COUNCIL. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO
13 PARTNER WITH ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ENTITIES TO DEVELOP AND
14 MAINTAIN THE INDUSTRY COMPETENCY STANDARDIZATION NEEDED TO
15 SUPPORT BUSINESSES IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION OF WORK SITE TRAINING
16 PROGRAMS. THE STATE COUNCIL SHALL ESTABLISH AND PUBLISH
17 GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM,
18 DISBURSEMENT OF MONEY, AND CONFIRMATION OF PRIVATE FUNDING
19 COMMITMENTS.

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21 **24-46.3-403. Use of grant money.** (1) AN ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT
22 ENTITY MAY ONLY USE GRANT MONEY TO:

23 (a) IDENTIFY INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS
24 FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETENCIES WITHIN
25 WORK FORCE PROGRAMS;

26 (b) IMPLEMENT INDUSTRY-DEFINED COMPETENCIES WITHIN WORK
27 FORCE PROGRAMS;

1 (c) ASSIST BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS WITH HUMAN
2 RESOURCES TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT; AND

3 (d) COLLABORATE WITH ENTITIES TO FACILITATE TRAINING AND
4 EDUCATION BETWEEN THE CLASSROOM AND BUSINESSES.

5 **24-46.3-404. Industry infrastructure fund - creation.** (1) THE
6 INDUSTRY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE
7 "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND
8 CONSISTS OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS TO THE FUND AND ANY
9 OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR
10 TRANSFER TO THE FUND.

11 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
12 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
13 FUND TO THE FUND.

14 (3) STATE MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED
15 TO THE STATE COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER THE INDUSTRY INFRASTRUCTURE
16 GRANT PROGRAM.

17 (4) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED
18 AND UNENCUMBERED STATE MONEY IN THE FUND ON JULY 1, 2019, TO THE
19 GENERAL FUND.

20 **24-46.3-405. Reporting.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2017,
21 AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS THEREAFTER,
22 THE STATE COUNCIL SHALL PREPARE A REPORT ON THE GRANT PROGRAM
23 THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION ON:

- 24 (a) THE ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ENTITY, IF ANY;
- 25 (b) INDUSTRY SECTORS IDENTIFIED;
- 26 (c) A LIST OF COMPETENCIES IN EACH SECTOR; ■
- 27 (d) USES OF AN ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ENTITY'S COMMITTED

1 PRIVATE FUNDING; AND

2 (e) ANY OTHER MEASURABLE OUTCOMES THE STATE COUNCIL
3 DEEMS APPROPRIATE. THE STATE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE THE REPORT IN
4 THE ANNUAL COLORADO TALENT REPORT, DESCRIBED IN SECTION
5 24-46.3-103 (3) (a).

6 **24-46.3-406. Applicability of other laws.** NOTWITHSTANDING
7 ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT
8 COUNCIL AND THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY PURSUANT TO THIS PART 4 IS
9 NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE "PROCUREMENT CODE",
10 ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF THIS TITLE.

11 **24-46.3-407. Repeal.** THIS PART 4 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY
12 1, 2021.

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-46.3-103, **amend**
14 (3) (a) (VI) and (3) (a) (VII); and **add** (3) (a) (VIII) as follows:

15 **24-46.3-103. Key industries talent pipeline working group.**

16 (3) (a) In doing the work specified in subsection (2) of this section, the
17 state council, in partnership with the department of higher education, the
18 department of education, the department of labor and employment, and
19 the Colorado office of economic development, shall coordinate the
20 production of an annual Colorado talent report. In preparing the annual
21 Colorado talent report, the state council, the departments, and the office
22 may use previously collected data and are not required to collect new data
23 for the purposes of the report. The talent report shall:

24 (VI) Include recommendations related to advancing talent pipeline
25 and career pathways development; ~~and~~

26 (VII) Include recommendations regarding the alignment and
27 consistency of data nomenclature, collection practices, and data-sharing;

1 AND

2 (VIII) INCLUDE THE REPORT REGARDING THE INDUSTRY
3 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM, PREPARED AS REQUIRED BY SECTION
4 24-46.3-405.

5 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2016-17 state fiscal year
6 and the subsequent two fiscal years, the state treasurer shall transfer
7 \$300,000 to the industry infrastructure fund. This appropriation is from
8 the general fund.

9 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
12 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a
13 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
14 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
15 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
16 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.