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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MODERNIZATION OF THE "OLDER COLORADANS' ACT".

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.)

The bill updates the "Older Coloradans' Act" (act). The purpose of the act is to support older Coloradans through community planning, social services, health and well-being services, and strategies to prepare the state's infrastructure for an increasing older population of Coloradans.

The bill updates include:

• Reorganizing the commission on the aging (commission) and increasing membership from 17 to 19 in order to coordinate and implement the strategic action plan on aging

- (plan) and to make recommendations;
- Appointing a state department of human services (state department) liaison to act as the primary contact for the commission in order to coordinate commission-related duties with the state department and other state agencies;
- Convening a technical advisory committee (committee) comprised of key state agency representatives to direct the implementations of the plan and the commission's recommendations; and
- Creating the lifelong Colorado initiative within the state department's state office on aging to coordinate strategies and implementation of the plan with the commission, committee, and key state agencies.

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

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 26-11-100.2

3 as follows:

26-11-100.2. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) Older Coloradans constitute a fundamental resource of this state. Often, their competence, experience, and wisdom are underutilized, and a means must be found to EFFECTIVELY use their abilities more effectively for the benefit of all Coloradans. The number of persons in this state sixty years of age or older is increasing rapidly, and, of these persons, the number of women, minorities PEOPLE OF COLOR, and persons seventy-five years of age or older is expanding at an even greater rate. Among those persons seventy-five years of age or older, there is a higher incidence of functional disability. The social and health problems of older people are compounded by the lack of access to existing services and by the unavailability of a complete range of services in all areas of the state. The ability of older people to maintain self-sufficiency and personal well-being with the dignity to which their years of labor entitle them and

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1	to realize their maximum potential as creative and productive murviduals
2	are matters of profound importance and concern for all Coloradans.
3	(b) A STATE THAT IS WELL-ADAPTED FOR AGING IS ONE WHERE ALL
4	INDIVIDUALS CAN THRIVE AND ARE ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED: A
5	COLORADO FOR ALL. COLORADO MUST SUPPORT A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE
6	FOR OLDER COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY PROMOTING HEALTH
7	AND WELL-BEING, SUPPORTING LONG-TERM SERVICES, FOSTERING
8	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY, CREATING LIVABLE
9	COMMUNITIES, AND INTEGRATING AGING POLICY AND PROGRAMS ACROSS
10	STATE GOVERNMENT.
11	(c) TO ENSURE THAT COLORADO IS THE BEST STATE IN WHICH TO
12	GROW OLD, THE FOLLOWING GOALS MUST GUIDE AGING AND AGING
13	SERVICES IN COLORADO:
14	(I) OLDER COLORADANS ARE ABLE TO LIVE AND FULLY
15	PARTICIPATE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES OF CHOICE FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE;
16	(II) OLDER COLORADANS ARE ABLE TO STAY ENGAGED IN THE
17	LABOR FORCE OR VOLUNTEER SECTOR FOR AS LONG AS THEY WANT OR
18	NEED;
19	(III) OLDER COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE FINANCIALLY
20	SECURE AND PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF AGING;
21	(IV) COLORADANS ARE PREPARED FOR THE CHALLENGES OF
22	CARING FOR AGED LOVED ONES AND ARE ABLE TO DO SO WITHOUT
23	ENDANGERING THEIR OWN PHYSICAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND FINANCIAL
24	HEALTH OR WELL-BEING OR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR
25	LOVED ONES;
26	(V) TRAINED WORKERS ARE SKILLED, EDUCATED, AND PAID
27	COMMENSURATE TO THEIR ABILITIES AND TRAINING TO MEET THE NEEDS

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1	OF EMPLOYERS AND INDUSTRIES SERVING AN INCREASING POPULATION OF
2	OLDER COLORADANS;
3	(VI) OLDER COLORADANS CAN STAY HEALTHIER LONGER
4	THROUGH ACCESS TO QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE PERSON-CENTERED AND
5	CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE CARE THAT ALIGNS WITH THEIR PREFERENCES
6	AND VALUES;
7	(VII) THE STATE CAN MEET ITS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT OLDER
8	COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND
9	(VIII) COLORADO CAN EMPOWER AND PROTECT OLDER
10	COLORADANS FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION, AND OTHER
11	HARMFUL ACTS;
12	(d) COLORADO FACES A HISTORIC DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFT OVER THE
13	NEXT FIFTY YEARS THAT WILL CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES.
14	THIS SHIFT WILL RESULT IN AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF OLDER
15	WORKERS REMAINING IN THE WORKFORCE AND OLDER COLORADANS
16	SHIFTING INTO RETIREMENT. THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES WILL RESULT
17	IN WIDE-RANGING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS ON THE WORKFORCE,
18	HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, AND
19	HEALTH CARE. THE STATE MUST ACT TO CAPITALIZE ON THE
20	OPPORTUNITIES AND ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES.
21	(e) TO ENSURE THAT OLDER COLORADANS ARE PREPARED TO
22	ADDRESS AGING-RELATED OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES, IT IS
23	CRITICAL THAT THE STATE EMPOWER AND EDUCATE RESIDENTS FROM AN
24	EARLY AGE TO PREPARE FOR THE REALITIES OF A LONG LIFE. THE STATE
25	SHOULD ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE IN RETIREMENT PLANNING,
26	HEALTH AND WELLNESS PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES,
27	LIFELONG LEARNING, CROSS-GENERATIONAL COLLABORATION, AND CIVIC

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ENGAGEMENT.

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2	(f) AGING IS A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT VARIES FROM PERSON
3	TO PERSON. COLORADANS WILL AGE DIFFERENTLY, WITH SOME REMAINING
4	MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY CAPABLE UNTIL THEY DIE AND OTHERS
5	EXPERIENCING MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES EARLIER IN LIFE. AS
6	A RESULT, OLDER COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE PRESENTED
7	WITH VARYING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES ACROSS THEIR LIVES
8	SOME OLDER COLORADANS WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY IN
9	THEIR OWN HOMES WHILE OTHERS WILL REQUIRE LONG-TERM SKILLED
10	NURSING CARE. IN COORDINATION WITH STATE DEPARTMENT SUBJECT
11	MATTER EXPERTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND COMMUNITY
12	STAKEHOLDERS, IT IS A PRIORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXAMINE
13	THE COMPLEXITY OF THESE ISSUES AND DEVELOP POLICIES THAT SUPPORT
14	COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES ACROSS COLORADO. THE AGING PROCESS IS
15	FURTHER IMPACTED BY HISTORICAL DISPARITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT
16	LIMITED TO STRUCTURAL RACISM, SEXISM, AND AGEISM. THE SOCIAL AND
17	HEALTH PROBLEMS OF OLDER COLORADANS ARE COMPOUNDED BY
18	LIMITED PREPARATION FOR AN INCREASE IN LIFE EXPECTANCY AND LACK
19	OF ACCESS TO SERVICES, OR THE UNAVAILABILITY OF SERVICES.
20	THROUGHOUT THE STATE. IT IS OF PROFOUND IMPORTANCE FOR ALI
21	COLORADANS THAT OLDER COLORADANS MAINTAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY
22	AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING, HAVE ACCESS TO NECESSARY SERVICES AND
23	SUPPORTS, AND REALIZE THEIR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL AS CREATIVE AND
24	PRODUCTIVE INDIVIDUALS.
25	(2) (a) The general assembly further declares that it is the policy

(2) (a) The general assembly further declares that it is the policy of this state: To protect older Coloradans from abuse, neglect, or exploitation; to involve older Coloradans in the planning and operation

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of all programs and services that may affect them; to encourage agencies
at all levels of government, as well as in the private sector, to develop
alternative services and forms of care that would provide a range of
services to be delivered in the community and in the home and that would
facilitate access to other services which support independent living and
prevent unnecessary institutionalization; to give priority in planning
services and programs to those older Coloradans with the greatest
economic need or the greatest social need; and to facilitate and encourage
joint program planning and policy development among state and local
agencies which recognize and strengthen the community and personal
support networks to which people belong and on which they depend and
which administer programs and deliver services to the older population.
THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT IT IS COLORADO'S
POLICY TO:
(I) PROTECT OLDER COLORADANS FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT,
EXPLOITATION, AND OTHER HARMFUL ACTS;
(II) INVOLVE OLDER COLORADANS IN THE PLANNING AND
OPERATION OF ALL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT MAY AFFECT THEM;
(III) ENCOURAGE AGENCIES AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, AS
WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE SERVICES AND
FORMS OF CARE THAT PROVIDE A RANGE OF SERVICES TO BE DELIVERED IN
THE COMMUNITY AND HOME THAT SUPPORT INDEPENDENT LIVING AND
PREVENT UNNECESSARY INSTITUTIONALIZATION;
(IV) REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES AND SUPPORT AGING ACROSS AN
INDIVIDUAL'S LIFESPAN;
(V) PRIORITIZE PLANNING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR OLDER

COLORADANS WITH THE GREATEST ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL NEEDS;

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1	(VI) ACKNOWLEDGE AND REMOVE BARRIERS TO ENSURE
2	PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PROJECTS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND RESOURCES
3	ARE INCLUSIVE OF ALL OLDER COLORADANS;
4	(VII) RECOGNIZE THAT PREPARING ALL COLORADANS FOR THE
5	DIFFERENT FACETS OF A LONGER LIFE IS PART OF THE STATE'S
6	RESPONSIBILITY; AND
7	(VIII) FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE JOINT PROGRAM PLANNING
8	AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT AMONG STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO
9	PROMOTE INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, AND MAXIMIZE RESOURCES;
10	(b) IN ORDER TO SUPPORT OLDER COLORADANS, THE GENERAL
11	ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT A CITIZEN-LED, MULTIDISCIPLINARY STAKEHOLDER
12	COMMISSION, COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC
13	AND PRIVATE SECTORS, IS NEEDED TO COORDINATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO
14	GUIDING STATE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PROJECTS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES,
15	AND RESOURCES IN THE AREA OF AGING.
16	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 26-11-101 as
17	follows:
18	26-11-101. Commission on aging - created - definition.
19	(1) (a) There is hereby created in the state department the Colorado
20	commission on the aging, referred to in this article ARTICLE 11 as the
21	"commission", which shall consist of seventeen members appointed by
22	the governor, with the consent of the senate. Two members shall be
23	appointed from each congressional district of the state, one of whom shall
24	be from each major political party, and, after July 1, 1976, and thereafter
25	when a vacancy occurs, one of such members shall be from west of the
26	continental divide. A vacancy on the commission occurs whenever any
7	member moves out of the congressional district from which he or she was

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appointed. Any member who moves out of such congressional district shall promptly notify the governor of the date of such move, but such notice is not a condition precedent to the occurrence of the vacancy. The governor shall fill the vacancy as provided in subsection (2) of this section. Appointments made to take effect on January 1, 1983, shall be made in accordance with section 24-1-135, C.R.S. No more than nine members of the commission shall be members of the same major political party. One member shall be appointed from the state at large, one member shall be appointed from among the membership of the senate, and one member shall be appointed from among the membership of the house of representatives. Appointments to the commission shall comply with the requirements of the rules and regulations of the United States department of health and human services promulgated pursuant to Public Law 93-29, known as the "Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments of 1973", as such rules and regulations appear in section 903.50 (c) of title 45 of the code of federal regulations. In making appointments to the commission, the governor is encouraged to include representation by at least one member who is a person with a disability, a family member of a person with a disability, or a member of an advocacy group for persons with disabilities, provided that the other requirements of this subsection (1) are met FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATING AND GUIDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING, DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406, AND OTHER STRATEGIES THE COMMISSION MAY IDENTIFY THAT SUPPORT OLDER COLORADANS. THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF NINETEEN MEMBERS WHO MUST BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

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(I) ONE MEMBER FROM THE COLORADO SENATE, APPOINTED BY

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1	THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
2	(II) ONE MEMBER FROM THE COLORADO HOUSE OF
3	REPRESENTATIVES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
4	REPRESENTATIVES; AND
5	(III) SEVENTEEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH
6	THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AS FOLLOWS:
7	(A) ONE MEMBER FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE
8	STATE;
9	(B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIGHER
10	EDUCATION OR THE COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM;
11	(C) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN AREA AGENCY
12	ON AGING, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 26-11-204;
13	(D) ONE MEMBER WITH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF WORKFORCE
14	ISSUES IMPACTING OLDER COLORADANS;
15	(E) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL
16	CARE SETTING;
17	(F) One member who represents Coloradans living with
18	DEMENTIA;
19	$(G)\ O {\sf NEMEMBER}\ WHO\ REPRESENTS\ AN\ ORGANIZATION\ PROVIDING$
20	HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES;
21	(H) ONE MEMBER WITH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF OR
22	EXPERIENCE WITH TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES;
23	(I) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE HOUSING SECTOR; AND
24	(J) ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMUNITY WITH
25	EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF AND EXPERIENCE WITH AGING POLICY ISSUES.
26	(b) IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
27	(1)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT NO MORE

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1	THAN A MINIMUM MAJORITY OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AFFILIATED WITH
2	THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY. IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR
3	SHALL SELECT:
4	(I) Members who represent diverse racial, cultural,
5	SOCIOECONOMIC, GENDER, AND ABILITY GROUPS;
6	(II) FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEMBERS, AT LEAST ONE
7	MEMBER WHO IS SIXTY YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, OR WHO IS A PERSON
8	LIVING WITH A DISABILITY, OR WHO HAS A FAMILY MEMBER LIVING WITH
9	A DISABILITY;
10	(III) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS RURAL OR
11	FRONTIER AREAS OF THE STATE;
12	(IV) AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A LOCAL
13	GOVERNMENT; AND
14	(V) AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY
15	IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL FOR INITIATIVES DEVELOPED IN
16	THE PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT SECTOR.
17	(c) APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION MUST COMPLY WITH THE
18	RULES PROMULGATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
19	AND HUMAN SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "OLDER AMERICANS
20	Comprehensive Services Amendments of 1973", Pub.L. 93-29, as
21	AMENDED.
22	(2) (a) All members of the commission shall be appointed for
23	terms of four years each, commencing July 1 in the year of appointment.
24	Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term of the
25	vacated office and shall be made in the same manner as original
26	appointments. Whenever a member of the senate or house of
27	representatives serving as a member of the commission ceases to hold his

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1	office in the senate or house of representatives, a vacancy on the
2	commission shall occur, and the governor shall fill the vacancy by the
3	appointment of a similarly qualified person who at the time is holding
4	office, as the case may be, in the senate or house of representatives. A
5	MINIMUM MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED
6	FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS EACH AND THE REMAINING
7	COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF
8	THREE YEARS EACH. THE GOVERNOR SHALL INDICATE WHETHER THE
9	APPOINTED PERSON IS SERVING A TWO-YEAR TERM OR A THREE-YEAR
10	TERM. APPOINTMENTS MADE AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL TERM
11	ARE THREE-YEAR TERMS. IF A VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION OCCURS, THE
12	GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A NEW MEMBER FROM THE APPROPRIATE
13	REPRESENTATIVE GROUP TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE MEMBER'S
14	TERM. NO MEMBER MAY SERVE MORE THAN TWO FULL CONSECUTIVE
15	TERMS.
16	(b) THE TERMS OF PRESENT MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO
17	THIS SECTION EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31, 2022. THE GOVERNOR SHALL
18	APPOINT NEW MEMBERS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION
19	AND THE APPOINTMENTS ARE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.
20	(3) For the purposes of this section, "minimum majority"
21	MEANS THE LOWEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS THAT IS MORE THAN HALF OF
22	ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS.
23	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 26-11-102 as
24	follows:
25	26-11-102. Organization of commission. (1) The commission
26	shall elect AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE from its membership, INCLUDING

a chairman CHAIR, a vice-chairman VICE-CHAIR, and such other officers

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I	as it deems necessary. The vice-chairman VICE-CHAIR shall act as
2	chairman CHAIR in the absence OF or disability AT THE DIRECTION of the
3	chairman CHAIR. The commission shall meet IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY on
4	call of the chairman CHAIR but not less than once every three months A
5	MONTH. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute
6	CONSTITUTES a quorum for the transaction of business. THE EXECUTIVE
7	COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING WITH THE STATE OFFICE
8	ON AGING ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 26-11-202, RELEVANT STATE
9	AGENCIES, AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
10	(2) (a) The commission may establish standing
11	SUBCOMMITTEES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC
12	ACTION PLAN ON AGING, DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406,
13	AND WORK RELATED TO THE LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE
14	ESTABLISHED IN PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE 11. THE SUBCOMMITTEE TOPICS
15	MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
16	(I) Workforce opportunities for older Coloradans;
17	(II) THE DIRECT-CARE WORKFORCE;
18	(III) HOUSING OPTIONS FOR OLDER COLORADANS;
19	(IV) AGE-FRIENDLY, AFFORDABLE, AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES;
20	(V) HEALTH CARE;
21	(VI) CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND MAINTENANCE;
22	(VII) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH;
23	(VIII) LIFELONG LEARNING;
24	(IX) RETIREMENT SECURITY;
25	(X) LEGISLATIVE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS;
26	(XI) TRANSPORTATION; AND
27	(XII) INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY.

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1	(b) Each standing subcommittee must be chaired by a
2	MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION BUT MAY INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP BEYOND
3	COMMISSION MEMBERS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC
4	WHO VOLUNTEER TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIFIC SUBCOMMITTEE.
5	NONCOMMISSION MEMBERS MAY BE CO-CHAIRS OR VICE-CHAIRS. THE
6	MEMBERSHIP SELECTION PROCESS MAY BE DETERMINED IN THE
7	COMMISSION BYLAWS.
8	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 26-11-104 as
9	follows:
10	26-11-104. Director - liaison and staff. (1) Pursuant to section
11	13 of article XII of the state constitution, the executive director shall
12	appoint the director of the commission and such clerical and professional
13	staff as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this article. The
14	director of the commission shall be the chief administrative officer for the
15	commission and shall be a person who is professionally qualified to
16	assume the responsibilities of the position A STATE DEPARTMENT LIAISON
17	TO THE COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AS NECESSARY TO
18	CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE POSITION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT
19	LIAISON MUST BE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED TO ASSUME THE
20	RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION, BE THE PRIMARY CONTACT FOR THE
21	COMMISSION, AND COORDINATE COMMISSION-RELATED DUTIES WITH THE
22	STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMISSION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
23	DESCRIBED IN SECTION $26-11-102$ (1).
24	(2) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE COMMISSION, AT
25	THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, MAY CONTRACT WITH A
26	THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATION TO SERVE AS INDEPENDENT STAFF TO THE
27	COMMISSION IN ORDER TO COORDINATE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT

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I	LIAISON AND THE LIAISON'S STAFF, PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
2	FOR THE COMMISSION'S PURPOSE AND DUTIES, AND CARRY OUT OTHER
3	FUNCTIONS THE COMMISSION ASSIGNS.
4	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 26-11-105 as
5	follows:
6	26-11-105. Duties of commission - report. (1) The commission
7	through its director EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN SECTION
8	26-11-102 (1); IN COORDINATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT LIAISON
9	TO THE COMMISSION, APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-104; AND
10	IN COORDINATION WITH INDEPENDENT STAFF, CONTRACTED PURSUANT TO
11	SECTION 26-11-104, shall carry out the following purposes DUTIES:
12	(a) SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL ADVOCACY BODY IN THE STATE ON
13	BEHALF OF OLDER COLORADANS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
14	PARTICIPATING AS AN ADVISOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND
15	CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION, AND REGULATIONS MADE BY STATE AND
16	FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, RELATING TO PROGRAMS AND
17	SERVICES THAT AFFECT OLDER COLORADANS;
18	(b) COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON
19	AGING RECOMMENDATIONS, DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION
20	24-32-3406, AND ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THE COMMISSION
21	MAKES;
22	(a) (c) Conduct, and encourage other PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT
23	organizations AND STATE AGENCIES to conduct, studies of the problems
24	of the state's older people CONDUCT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS RELATED
25	TO THE STATE'S AGING POPULATION;
26	(b) (d) Assist governmental and private agencies to coordinate
7	their efforts on behalf of the aging and aged OLDER COLORADANS in order

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that such efforts be effective and that duplication and waste of effort be eliminated;

- (c) (e) Promote and aid in the establishment of FEDERAL, STATE, REGIONAL, AND local POLICIES, programs, and services for the aging and aged THAT SUPPORT AND EMPOWER OLDER COLORADANS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS, WHO ARE EITHER PAID OR UNPAID. The commission shall assist governmental and private agencies by designing surveys that may be used locally AT THE LOCAL, REGIONAL, OR STATE LEVEL to determine needs of older people; by recommending the creation OR MODIFICATION of POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND services TO MEET IDENTIFIED NEEDS; by collection and distribution of information on aging; and by assisting public and private organizations in all ways the commission may deem appropriate.
- (d) (f) Conduct promotional activities and programs of public education on problems of the RELEVANT TO aging;
- (e) (g) Review existing programs for the aging and make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly for improvements in such programs; Review existing policies and programs across state agencies, and on or before September 1, 2023, and on or before September 1 each year thereafter, draft an annual report of issues and recommendations developed by the commission that support the implementation of strategies in alignment with the strategic action plan on aging developed pursuant to section 24-32-3406, the lifelong Colorado initiative created pursuant to section 26-11-302, and other recommendations that the commission makes. The commission shall submit the annual report to the governor, executive

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1	DIRECTORS OF IMPACTED AGENCIES, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
2	(f) (h) Advise and make recommendations to the state department
3	and the state office on aging, created pursuant to part 2 of this article, on
4	the problems of and programs and services for the aging and aged.
5	IDENTIFY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPACTED STATE AGENCIES
6	ON ACUTE CONCERNS IMPACTING OLDER COLORADANS THAT ARISE DUE TO
7	PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES, NATURAL DISASTERS, HISTORICAL
8	DISPARITIES SUCH AS RACISM, OR OTHER ISSUES TIED DIRECTLY TO
9	CURRENT EVENTS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM SOLVING AND
10	ADVOCACY;
11	(g) (i) (I) Study and make recommendations to ensure that people
12	who are released from prison who are sixty-five years of age or older are
13	able to access health insurance after release, including:
14	(A) Health insurance options that might be available, including
15	medicare, medicaid, social security, the old age pension fund, or any other
16	potential options for health-care insurance, and any eligibility criteria that
17	may uniquely impact a formerly incarcerated population;
18	(B) Enrollment processes for each health insurance option and the
19	cost for each option;
20	(C) Processes the department of corrections would need to have
21	in place, both prior to release and after release, to ensure people sixty-five
22	years of age or older are able to enroll in affordable health insurance upon
23	release;
24	(D) Potential challenges, gaps, or resources needed to ensure that
25	inmates sixty-five years of age or older have health insurance upon
26	release; and
27	(E) Any other recommendations relevant to improving health-care

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- access for people sixty-five years of age or older after release from prison.
- (II) On or before January 1, 2022, the commission shall provide a report with its findings and recommendations pursuant to this subsection $\frac{(1)(g)}{(1)(i)}$ (1)(i) to the judiciary and health and insurance committees of the house of representatives and the judiciary and health and human services committees of the senate, or any successor committees. The department of human services STATE DEPARTMENT shall post the report on the Colorado commission on aging's COMMISSION'S website.
- 11 (j) CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO ADDITIONAL AND ONGOING
 12 ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN ON AGING
 13 DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406 AND ALIGNED WITH THE
 14 LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE ESTABLISHED IN PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE
 15 11; AND

- (k) DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSALS IN COORDINATION WITH STATE DEPARTMENT LIAISONS AND LEGISLATIVE DESIGNEES AND COORDINATE ADVOCACY EFFORTS WITH APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS.
- (2) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, IN COORDINATION WITH THE STATE OFFICE ON AGING CREATED IN SECTION 26-11-202 AND THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 26-11-203 (1)(k), THE COMMISSION, THROUGH ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 26-11-102 (1), SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARIZING ITS WORK, FINDINGS, AND

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1	RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING INFORMATION RELATED TO HOW THE
2	WORK OF THE COMMISSION IS REDUCING HEALTH, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL
3	DISPARITIES FOR OLDER COLORADANS. THE REPORT MUST PROVIDE
4	AGE-RELATED METRICS THAT REFLECT CHANGES IN KEY PROGRAMS, AS
5	WELL AS METRICS ON THE DIVERSITY OF OLDER COLORADANS ATTENDING
6	THE PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE RACE, GENDER, AND GEOGRAPHY.
7	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 26-11-203 as
8	follows:
9	26-11-203. Duties of the state office. (1) In addition to such
10	other duties and functions as the executive director may allocate to the
11	state office, the state office shall have the following duties and functions:
12	(a) TO BE THE LEADER CONCERNING AGING ISSUES ON BEHALF OF
13	ALL OLDER COLORADANS WHILE ACTING IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER
14	STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, AS APPROPRIATE;
15	(b) To carry out a wide range of functions related to
16	ADVOCACY, PLANNING, COORDINATION, INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION,
17	INFORMATION SHARING, AND MONITORING AND EVALUATING TO DEVELOP
18	AND ENHANCE A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED STATE- AND
19	COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEM TO ASSIST OLDER COLORADANS TO LEAD
20	INDEPENDENT, MEANINGFUL, AND DIGNIFIED LIVES IN THE RESIDENTIAL
21	SETTINGS OF THEIR OWN CHOICE;
22	(a) (c) To develop and administer a state plan on aging, which
23	includes input from area agencies on aging AND OTHER AGING
24	STAKEHOLDERS, IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS IN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR
25	OLDER COLORADANS, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICY CHANGES TO
26	SUPPORT OLDER COLORADANS, MEASURABLE BENCHMARKS AND METRICS
27	TO SUPPORT THE EVALUATION AND MONITORING OF PROGRESS, AND

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1	LONG-TERM PROJECTIONS REGARDING THE STATE'S CHANGING
2	DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE CORRESPONDING IMPACT ON STATE PROGRAMS
3	AND POLICY;
4	(b) (d) To establish a process that encourages local, regional, and
5	statewide participation in the development stages of the state plan on
6	aging, which shall be coordinated with the area agencies on aging, the
7	commission established under PURSUANT TO part 1 of this article ARTICLE
8	11, and other persons or entities involved in programs for older persons;
9	(e) (e) To assist public and nonprofit private agencies AND THE
10	FOR-PROFIT SECTOR in planning and developing programs to facilitate a
11	statewide network of comprehensive, coordinated services and
12	opportunities for older persons COLORADANS, giving priority to those
13	agencies, programs, services, and activities that support independent
14	living, PREPARE COLORADANS FOR THEIR LATER YEARS, AND EMPOWER
15	OLDER COLORADANS TO BE SELF-RELIANT AND INDEPENDENT, WHICH
16	INCLUDES FOSTERING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WHEN APPROPRIATE;
17	(d) (f) To study those aspects of the problems of aging necessary
18	to accomplish the purpose of state policy through such activities as
19	conducting research, computing statistics, and EVALUATING EMERGING
20	TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS, holding hearings, AND DRAFTING
21	POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS;
22	(e) (g) To maintain a clearinghouse of information related to the
23	interests and needs of older persons COLORADANS and act as a referral
24	service for the dissemination of said THE information;
25	(f) (h) To assess the need for services to be provided to the older
26	population within the state and determine the extent to which the state's
27	service delivery system serves said THAT population, with particular

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1	emphasis on older persons COLORADANS with the greatest economic and
2	social needs, AS WELL AS EMPOWERING OLDER COLORADANS TO PLAN FOR
3	THE NEEDS OF INCREASED LIFE EXPECTANCY;
4	(g) (i) To encourage and support the involvement of volunteers
5	and seek ways to utilize the private sector to assume greater responsibility
6	in meeting the needs of older persons; and CAPITALIZE ON THE
7	OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OLDER COLORADANS AND THEIR FAMILIES;
8	$\frac{h}{h}$ (j) To designate area agencies on aging to assist the state office
9	in carrying out its functions in specified geographic areas within the state;
10	(k) To convene and coordinate a technical advisory
11	COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF KEY STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES,
12	INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,
13	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
14	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING,
15	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
16	ENVIRONMENT, AND DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS TO DIRECT THE
17	IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND STRATEGIES PROVIDED IN
18	THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO
19	SECTION 24-32-3406 AND RECOMMENDATIONS THE COMMISSION MAKES
20	AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 26-11-105; AND
21	(l) TO COORDINATE WITH THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
22	AND COMMISSION TO DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, AND MAKE PUBLICLY
23	AVAILABLE ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE A COLLECTION OF
24	AVAILABLE DATA SETS; METRICS SPECIFIC TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
25	STRATEGIES IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING
26	DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406 AND THE LIFELONG
2.7	COLORADO INITIATIVE CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-302: AND

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1	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE COMMISSION MAKES AS SET FORTH
2	IN SECTION 26-11-105.
3	SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 3 to article
4	11 of title 26 as follows:
5	PART 3
6	LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE
7	26-11-301. Definitions. As used in this part 3, unless the
8	CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
9	(1) "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
10	ELECTED BY THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 26-11-102.
11	(2) "Lifelong Colorado initiative" means the lifelong
12	Colorado initiative created in Section 26-11-302 to lead the
13	DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL
14	STRATEGIES THAT SUPPORT AGING AND ASSIST OLDER COLORADANS TO
15	LEAD INDEPENDENT, MEANINGFUL, AND DIGNIFIED LIVES IN
16	AGE-APPROPRIATE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHIN THEIR
17	COMMUNITIES.
18	(3) "STATE OFFICE" MEANS THE STATE OFFICE ON AGING WITHIN
19	THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CREATED IN SECTION 26-11-202.
20	(4) "STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING" MEANS THE STRATEGIC
21	ACTION PLAN ON AGING DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-32-3406.
22	(5) "TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE" MEANS THE TECHNICAL
23	ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENED IN THE STATE OFFICE PURSUANT TO
24	SECTION 26-11-203.
25	26-11-302. Lifelong Colorado initiative - created - reporting.
26	(1) THERE IS CREATED THE LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE WITHIN THE
27	STATE OFFICE. THE PURPOSE OF THE LIFELONG COLORADO INITIATIVE IS

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1	TO:
2	(a) REPRESENT STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL STRATEGIES THAT
3	SUPPORT AGING AND ASSIST OLDER COLORADANS TO LEAD INDEPENDENT,
4	MEANINGFUL, AND DIGNIFIED LIVES IN THEIR OWN HOMES AND
5	COMMUNITIES;
6	(b) REPRESENT THE CONTINUED GOALS, PRIORITIES, AND
7	STRATEGIES ALIGNED WITH THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING AND
8	OTHER STRATEGIES DEVELOPED THROUGH ONGOING WORK IN THE PUBLIC,
9	PRIVATE, AND NONPROFIT SECTORS THAT SUPPORT OLDER COLORADANS;
10	(c) Lead the development of age-friendly, livable
11	COMMUNITIES; AND
12	(d) ALIGN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND
13	IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH A DEMOGRAPHIC LENS THAT SUPPORTS AGING
14	ACROSS AN INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE.
15	(2) Pursuant to Section 26-11-203 (1)(k), the state office
16	SHALL CONVENE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN
17	SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, AND MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY. THE DUTIES OF THE
18	TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
19	(a) IDENTIFYING STATE DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES THAT OVERLAP
20	WITH THE GOALS AND STRATEGIES PROVIDED IN THE STRATEGIC ACTION
21	PLAN ON AGING AND RECOMMENDATIONS THE COMMISSION MAKES AS SET
22	FORTH IN SECTION 26-11-105;
23	(b) COORDINATING WITH RESPECTIVE AGENCIES AND
24	STAKEHOLDERS TO INITIATE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION
25	OF APPROPRIATE STRATEGIES;
26	(c) DEVELOPING TRACKABLE GOALS AND METRICS FOR STRATEGIES
27	AND PROGRAMS AND REPORTING ON PROGRESS, WHICH MUST BE MADE

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1	PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO SECTION $26-11-203$ (1)(1); AND
2	(d) SUPPORTING THE STATE OFFICE AND COMMISSION WITH
3	REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND TRACKING IMPLEMENTATION AND
4	PROGRESS OF THE GOALS AND STRATEGIES PROVIDED IN THE STRATEGIC
5	ACTION PLAN ON AGING AND RECOMMENDATIONS THE COMMISSION MAKES
6	AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 26-11-105.
7	(3) THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL COORDINATE
8	WITH AGENCIES AND THE COMMISSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
9	STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING.
10	(4) THE STATE OFFICE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSION
11	AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE
12	STATE DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE IN ITS REPORT TO THE COMMITTEES OF
13	REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO THE "SMART MEASUREMENT FOR
14	ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART)
15	GOVERNMENT ACT" HEARING REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-7-203,
16	INFORMATION FROM THE STATE OFFICE REGARDING THE PROGRESS AND
17	BARRIERS SPECIFIC TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION
18	PLAN ON AGING.
19	(5) The state office; the technical advisory committee;
20	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT LIAISON
21	APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-11-104 SHALL MEET QUARTERLY TO
22	ENSURE THAT THE PERSPECTIVES OF OLDER COLORADANS AND THE
23	STATE'S PERSPECTIVE REMAIN ALIGNED TO COORDINATE PROGRESS IN THE
24	DEVELOPMENT OF STATE PROGRAMS AND POLICY.
25	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11-205, amend
26	(1) introductory portion as follows:
27	26-11-205. Area agency on aging advisory council. (1) Each

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I	area agency on aging, designated pursuant to section 26-11-203, $\frac{(1)(h)}{(h)}$,
2	shall designate an advisory council consisting of a representative body of
3	laypersons and service providers which WHO represent the interests of
4	older persons within the planning and service area. Said THE advisory
5	council shall:
6	SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11-205.7, amend
7	(2) as follows:
8	26-11-205.7. Community long-term care study - older
9	Coloradans study cash fund - strategic plan - authority to implement.
10	(2) If the study conducted pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection (1)
11	SUBSECTION (1)(a) of this section concludes that increasing funding for
12	community-based services as provided in the older Coloradans program
13	would result in cost savings, by July 1, 2011, subject to the receipt of
14	sufficient moneys MONEY pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection (1)
15	SUBSECTION (1)(b) of this section, the state department shall report to the
16	members of the health and human services committees of the senate and
17	house of representatives, or any successor committees, and to the
18	members of the joint budget committee a long-term strategic
19	implementation plan, developed in cooperation with the area agencies on
20	aging designated pursuant to section 26-11-203, (1)(h), that identifies the
21	expected needs for services and recommends potential funding sources.
22	SECTION 10. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
23	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24	preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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