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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOME CARE  
102 ALLOWANCE BENEFITS TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Effective January 1, 2012, persons were prohibited from receiving both home care allowance benefits and benefits under a home- and community-based waiver. The bill establishes a new grant program (program) in the department of human services (department) to provide to certain individuals with developmental

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.*

disabilities receiving benefits under either the home- and community-based supported living services or the children's extensive support waiver a home care allowance benefit consistent with benefits received by persons under the home care allowance program. It authorizes the state board of human services to adopt rules to implement the program.

The bill directs the department to submit a written report to certain committees of the general assembly on the program and to solicit feedback from individuals receiving grants under the program and from their families.

The program is repealed, effective July 1, 2017, unless extended by the general assembly.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, **add** 26-2-122.4 as  
3 follows:

4 **26-2-122.4. Home care allowance grant program - rules -**  
5 **report - repeal.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE  
6 DEPARTMENT THE HOME CARE ALLOWANCE GRANT PROGRAM, REFERRED  
7 TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "PROGRAM", TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO  
8 CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE RECEIVING HOME CARE ALLOWANCE BUT  
9 ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SUCH ASSISTANCE. TO BE ELIGIBLE  
10 FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL:

11 (a) HAVE BEEN RECEIVING HOME CARE ALLOWANCE UNDER  
12 SECTION 26-2-122.3 ON DECEMBER 31, 2011;

13 (b) NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HOME CARE ALLOWANCE  
14 BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL IS ON EITHER THE HOME- AND  
15 COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES WAIVER OR THE  
16 CHILDREN'S EXTENSIVE SERVICES WAIVER, OR ANY SUCCESSOR WAIVER;

17 (c) HAVE BEEN WITHIN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF HIS OR HER  
18 MAXIMUM BENEFIT UNDER THE APPLICABLE WAIVER ON DECEMBER 31,  
19 2011;

1 (d) MEET ANY OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY  
2 THE STATE BOARD BY RULE; AND

3 (e) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

4 (2) (a) AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
5 THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES GOVERNING THE  
6 PROGRAM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INFORMATION REQUIRED IN AN  
7 APPLICATION, STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY, REQUIREMENTS FOR  
8 ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATIONS, AND THE AMOUNT OF ANY GRANT.

9 (b) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE STATE  
10 DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE TO AN INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO  
11 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT CONSISTENT  
12 WITH THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR AN ELIGIBLE PERSON UNDER THE  
13 HOME CARE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
14 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN A MANNER THAT WILL FACILITATE RAPID  
15 IMPLEMENTATION AND MINIMIZE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

16 (3) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT MONEYS  
17 FOR THE PROGRAM COME FROM THE MONEYS APPROPRIATED FOR HOME  
18 CARE ALLOWANCE BENEFITS AND THAT ANY MONEYS APPROPRIATED FOR  
19 THE PROGRAM THAT ARE UNUSED MAY BE USED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL  
20 BENEFITS UNDER THE HOME CARE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM.

21 (4) (a) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2016, THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
22 SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE PROGRAM TO THE HEALTH AND  
23 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR  
24 COMMITTEE, THE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE  
25 OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AND TO THE JOINT  
26 BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AS PART OF THE  
27 REPORT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL SOLICIT FEEDBACK FROM GRANT

1 RECIPIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE  
2 INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF GRANT RECIPIENTS, THE COST OF THE  
3 PROGRAM, AND THE EFFECT OF REPEAL OF THE PROGRAM ON GRANT  
4 RECIPIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

5 (b) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017, UNLESS  
6 EXTENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

7 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.