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STATE OF COLORADO

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**HOUSE BILL 17-1357**

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**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE SKILLED WORKER TRAINING**  
102 **PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**  
103 **EMPLOYMENT.**

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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>.)*

The bill:

- ! Extends the duration of the "Skilled Worker Outreach, Recruitment, and Key Training Act", also known as the "WORK Act", administered by the department of labor and employment through the 2018-19 state fiscal year; and

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.*

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 28, 2017

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 27, 2017

- ! Removes the cap on the amount of money appropriated to the WORK fund that may be expended in a given fiscal year.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-304, **amend**  
3 (1)(b)(I) and (2); and **add** (1)(d) as follows:

4 **8-83-304. Skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key**  
5 **training grant program - creation - award criteria.** (1) (b) (I) For the  
6 2015-16 through ~~2017-18~~ 2018-19 fiscal years, the department shall  
7 administer the grant program by accepting and processing matching grant  
8 applications submitted pursuant to this section, and the grant review  
9 committee shall review and make recommendations for awarding  
10 matching grants. The department shall develop application guidelines and  
11 establish deadlines for the grant program AND MAY DEVELOP AN  
12 EXPEDITED APPLICATION PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION  
13 (1)(d) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (d) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
15 "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24, THE  
16 DEPARTMENT MAY USE AN EXPEDITED PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTING AND  
17 REVIEWING AN APPLICATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT THAT  
18 RECEIVED MATCHING GRANT AWARDS IN THE 2015-16 OR 2016-17 FISCAL  
19 YEARS AND IS APPLYING FOR AN ADDITIONAL MATCHING GRANT OR TO  
20 EXTEND A MATCHING GRANT AWARD UNDER AN EXISTING AGREEMENT IF:

21 (I) THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT DEMONSTRATES POSITIVE OUTCOMES  
22 RESULTING FROM ITS RECEIPT AND USE OF MATCHING GRANTS UNDER THE  
23 WORK GRANT PROGRAM;

24 (II) THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT DEMONSTRATES THAT ALL

1 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE NAMED IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT APPLICATION  
2 AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXPEDITED APPLICATION PROCESS; AND

3 (III) THE WORK GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE APPROVES THE USE  
4 OF AN EXPEDITED APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.

5 (2) No later than January 1, 2016, and no later than each January  
6 1 thereafter THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2018, the department shall start  
7 accepting grant applications for matching grants to be awarded pursuant  
8 to section 8-83-305 no later than the April 1 following the application  
9 submittal deadline.

10 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-306, **amend** (2)  
11 introductory portion as follows:

12 **8-83-306. Reports.** (2) By May 1, 2017, and by each May 1  
13 thereafter through ~~May 1, 2019~~ MAY 1, 2020, the grant review committee  
14 shall submit an annual report to the governor, the senate committee on  
15 business, labor, and technology or its successor committee, and the house  
16 of representatives committee on business affairs and labor or its successor  
17 committee. The grant review committee shall include in the report at least  
18 the following information:

19 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-307, **amend** (3)  
20 as follows:

21 **8-83-307. Skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key**  
22 **training grant program fund - creation.** (3) For the 2015-16, 2016-17,  
23 and 2017-18 fiscal years, the general assembly shall appropriate a total of  
24 ten million dollars to the fund. ~~of which not more than three million five~~  
25 ~~hundred thousand dollars may be expended in any given fiscal year.~~

26 SECTION 4. **Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.