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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF EMPLOYMENT-RELATED SERVICES IN
102 THE STATE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
103 EMPLOYMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN
104 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://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. Under current law, employers pay an annual support surcharge to fund unemployment administration and to support the solvency of the unemployment insurance trust fund. This

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surcharge is deposited into several different funds. The bill adjusts the deposits as follows:

- 35% (decreased from 59.46%) to the employment support fund;
- 19% (increased from 18.92%) to the benefit recovery fund;
- 32% (increased from 21.62%) to the employment and training technology fund; and
- 14% to the workforce development fund in the workforce development enterprise (enterprise), which is created in the bill.

Each of these funds has a limit on the maximum amount of money that can be held in the fund. The bill requires the maximum amount to be adjusted for inflation based on the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood consumer price index. The bill adjusts these initial caps as follows:

- Decreases the cap for the employment support fund from \$32,000,000 to \$7,000,000;
- Decreases the cap for the employment and training technology fund from \$31,000,000 to \$13,200,000; and
- Establishes the cap for the workforce development fund at \$6,800,000.

The \$15,000,000 cap for the benefit recovery fund remains the same.

The enterprise is created within the division of employment and training in the department of labor and employment for the business purpose of ensuring Coloradans' access to workforce development services and to Colorado's workforce development centers.

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) In 2009, the unemployment insurance enterprise was created
5 to fund unemployment insurance benefits and administration pursuant to
6 Title III and Title IX of the federal "Social Security Act", as amended;

7 (b) The employment and training technology fund is part of the
8 unemployment insurance enterprise and funds unemployment
9 administration technology expenses, including automation and
10 modernization;

1 (c) Employers pay unemployment insurance premiums to fund
2 unemployment insurance benefits. Employers also pay a support
3 surcharge to fund unemployment administration and to support the
4 solvency of the unemployment insurance trust fund.

5 (d) Since 2009, many unemployment insurance administration
6 expenditures have been outside of the unemployment enterprise and
7 funded through the employment support fund, contrary to the intent of the
8 creation of the unemployment insurance enterprise; and

9 (e) Establishing the workforce development enterprise will
10 appropriately classify workforce center services under an enterprise.
11 Workforce centers help create a healthy labor force and higher
12 employment rate, which keeps the unemployment insurance trust fund
13 solvent and unemployment insurance premiums low. Businesses and
14 employers who pay the support surcharge would directly benefit from the
15 workforce development enterprise.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-76-102.5, **amend**
17 (3)(a)(IV) introductory portion as follows:

18 **8-76-102.5. Rates effective upon fund solvency - repeal of**
19 **prior rates - solvency surcharge - definitions.** (3) (a) (IV) The support
20 surcharge rate, which is the rate dedicated to employer support surcharge
21 payments deposited into the employment support fund, the benefit
22 recovery fund, ~~and~~ the employment and training technology fund, AND
23 THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND is calculated using the following
24 support surcharge rate schedule:

25 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-77-109, **amend**
26 (1)(b), (2)(a)(I)(B), (2)(a)(II)(A), (2)(a.9)(II)(A), (6)(a) introductory
27 portion, and (6)(b); and **repeal** (2)(a)(II)(B) as follows:

1 **8-77-109. Employment support fund - employment and**
2 **training technology fund - created - uses - repeal.** (1) (b) There is
3 hereby established the employment support fund. The fund consists of
4 ~~59.46~~ THIRTY-FIVE percent of the support surcharge rate assessed annually
5 as part of each employer's support surcharge rate payments paid and
6 dedicated to the employment support fund in accordance with section
7 8-76-102.5 (3)(a)(IV).

8 (2) (a) (I) (B) To the extent allowed by the United States
9 department of labor employment AND training administration, the state
10 treasurer shall credit ~~18.92~~ NINETEEN percent of each employer's annual
11 support surcharge rate determined pursuant to section 8-76-102.5
12 (3)(a)(IV) to the benefit recovery fund, up to a maximum of fifteen
13 million dollars each year.

14 (II) (A) At the end of the 2023-24 state fiscal year AND EACH
15 STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, the state treasurer shall credit any
16 money collected pursuant to this section that would cause the balance in
17 the employment support fund to exceed ~~thirty-two~~ SEVEN million ~~five~~
18 ~~hundred thousand~~ dollars, AS ADJUSTED ANNUALLY FOR THE UNITED
19 STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
20 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD OR ITS
21 SUCCESSOR INDEX, EXCLUDING GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS, to the
22 ~~unemployment compensation fund~~ EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
23 TECHNOLOGY FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a.9)(II)(A) OF THIS
24 SECTION. IF THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING TECHNOLOGY FUND HAS
25 REACHED THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BALANCE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
26 (2)(a.9)(II)(A) OF THIS SECTION, THE TREASURER SHALL INSTEAD CREDIT
27 THE MONEY TO THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND CREATED IN

1 SECTION 8-83-107 (4).

2 (B) ~~At the end of the 2024-25 state fiscal year and each state fiscal~~
3 ~~year thereafter, the limit on the amount of money in the employment~~
4 ~~support fund specified in subsection (2)(a)(II)(A) of this section shall be~~
5 ~~adjusted based on the change in average weekly earnings, as determined~~
6 ~~in accordance with section 8-73-102 (1), in the immediately preceding~~
7 ~~state fiscal year, and the state treasurer shall credit any amount that~~
8 ~~exceeds the amount specified in subsection (2)(a)(II)(A) of this section,~~
9 ~~as adjusted pursuant to this subsection (2)(a)(II)(B), to the unemployment~~
10 ~~compensation fund.~~

11 (a.9) (II) (A) The employment and training technology fund,
12 referred to in this subsection (2)(a.9) as the "fund", is created in the state
13 treasury. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection (2) to the
14 contrary, ~~on and after April 27, 2021,~~ the state treasurer shall credit ~~21.62~~
15 THIRTY-TWO percent of each employer's annual support surcharge rate
16 under section 8-76-102.5 (3)(a)(IV) to the employment and training
17 technology fund. On and after April 27, 2021, and on or before June 30,
18 2023, if cumulative revenue to the employment and training technology
19 fund equals thirty-one million dollars, less any money transferred to the
20 unemployment compensation fund, no additional money shall be credited
21 to the employment and training technology fund but instead shall be
22 allocated to the unemployment compensation fund. On and after July 1,
23 ~~2023~~ 2024, any amount collected in a fiscal year in excess of ~~seven~~
24 THIRTEEN million TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND dollars under this subsection
25 (2)(a.9)(II), AS ADJUSTED ANNUALLY FOR THE UNITED STATES
26 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE
27 INDEX FOR DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX,

1 EXCLUDING GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS, shall be credited to the fund
2 and then ~~transferred~~ CREDITED to the unemployment compensation fund.
3 Money in the fund shall be used for employment and training automation
4 initiatives established by the director of the division. Money in the fund
5 is subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly for the
6 purposes of this subsection (2)(a.9) and shall not revert to the general
7 fund or any other fund at the end of any fiscal year. The money in the
8 fund is exempt from section 24-75-402. At any time, the money in the
9 employment and training technology fund may be appropriated by the
10 general assembly to the unemployment compensation fund or allocated
11 to the unemployment compensation fund at the discretion of the executive
12 director of the department of labor and employment.

13 (6) (a) The portion of each employer's support surcharge rate that
14 the employer paid and that is dedicated to the employment support fund
15 pursuant to section ~~8-76-102.5 (3)(a)(IV)~~ 8-77-109 (1)(b), to the benefit
16 recovery fund pursuant to section 8-73-116, TO THE WORKFORCE
17 DEVELOPMENT FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-83-107, and to the
18 employment and training technology fund pursuant to subsection
19 (2)(a.9)(II)(A) of this section:

20 (b) Any money transferred from the employment support fund, the
21 benefit recovery fund, THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND, or the
22 employment and training technology fund to the unemployment
23 compensation fund pursuant to this section is not used in calculating the
24 employer's experience rate or percent of excess for the standard premium
25 rate schedule.

26 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 8-83-107 as
27 follows:

1 **8-83-107. Workforce development enterprise - creation -**
2 **powers and duties - enterprise fund - fee - legislative declaration -**
3 **definitions.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

4 (a) EMPLOYERS IN COLORADO PAY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
5 PREMIUMS PURSUANT TO STATE LAW;

6 (b) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS FUND UNEMPLOYMENT
7 INSURANCE BENEFITS PAID TO COLORADO WORKERS WHO HAVE BECOME
8 UNEMPLOYED THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN AND ARE ABLE AND
9 AVAILABLE TO WORK;

10 (c) PAYING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DEPLETES COLORADO'S
11 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND, WHICH IS FUNDED EXCLUSIVELY
12 BY EMPLOYER PREMIUMS;

13 (d) PROVIDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BENEFITS
14 EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT COLORADO BY:

15 (I) HELPING COLORADO WORKERS MORE QUICKLY REGAIN
16 EMPLOYMENT, THEREBY REDUCING THEIR NEED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
17 BENEFITS AND KEEPING EMPLOYERS' UNEMPLOYMENT PREMIUMS LOWER;

18 (II) DEVELOPING A MORE QUALIFIED WORKFORCE THAT CAN
19 BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF COLORADO'S BUSINESSES;

20 (III) CONNECTING COLORADO EMPLOYERS WITH POTENTIAL
21 EMPLOYEES; AND

22 (IV) MAINTAINING EMPLOYERS' CUSTOMER BASES BY KEEPING THE
23 GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE STEADILY EMPLOYED AND ABLE TO
24 PURCHASE GOODS AND SERVICES;

25 (e) THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE CREATED IN THIS
26 SECTION PROVIDES VALUABLE BUSINESS SERVICES TO EMPLOYERS BY
27 ENSURING COLORADO WORKERS HAVE ACCESS TO WORKFORCE

1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND ACCESS TO COLORADO'S WORKFORCE
2 DEVELOPMENT CENTERS' SERVICES;

3 (f) BY PROVIDING THESE SERVICES, THE ENTERPRISE ENGAGES IN
4 AN ACTIVITY CONDUCTED IN THE PURSUIT OF A BENEFIT, GAIN, OR
5 LIVELIHOOD;

6 (g) CONSISTENT WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE COLORADO
7 SUPREME COURT IN *NICHOLL V. E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY*, 896
8 P.2d 859 (COLO. 1995), THE POWER TO IMPOSE TAXES IS INCONSISTENT
9 WITH ENTERPRISE STATUS UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE
10 CONSTITUTION, AND, THEREFORE, IT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THE GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY THAT THE REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE WORKFORCE
12 DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE IS GENERATED BY FEES, NOT TAXES, BECAUSE
13 THE MONEY CREDITED TO THE ENTERPRISE IS:

14 (I) FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE ENTERPRISE TO
15 DEFRAID THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES SPECIFIED IN THIS
16 SECTION; AND

17 (II) COLLECTED AT RATES THAT ARE REASONABLY CALCULATED
18 BASED ON THE COSTS OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ENTERPRISE;
19 AND

20 (h) SO LONG AS THE ENTERPRISE QUALIFIES AS AN ENTERPRISE FOR
21 PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, THE
22 ENTERPRISE'S REVENUE IS NOT STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED
23 IN SECTION 24-77-102 (17), OR STATE REVENUES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
24 24-77-103.6 (6)(c), AND DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST EITHER THE STATE
25 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING LIMIT IMPOSED BY SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF
26 THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR THE EXCESS STATE REVENUES CAP, AS
27 DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-103.6 (6)(b).

1 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

2 (a) "ENTERPRISE" MEANS THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
3 ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (b) "FUND" MEANS THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND
5 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (3) THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE IS CREATED IN
7 THE DIVISION. THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF THE ENTERPRISE IS TO ENSURE
8 COLORADO WORKERS HAVE ACCESS TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
9 SERVICES AND ACCESS TO COLORADO'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
10 CENTERS. THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE CONSTITUTES AN
11 ENTERPRISE FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE
12 CONSTITUTION, SO LONG AS IT RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REVENUE
13 BONDS AND RECEIVES LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL ANNUAL
14 REVENUE IN GRANTS FROM ALL COLORADO STATE AND LOCAL
15 GOVERNMENTS COMBINED. SO LONG AS IT CONSTITUTES AN ENTERPRISE
16 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3), THE ENTERPRISE IS NOT SUBJECT TO
17 SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

18 (4) THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND IS CREATED IN THE
19 STATE TREASURY. MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE
20 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE TO ENGAGE IN AND SUPPORT
21 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING WORKFORCE INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT
22 COLORADO. THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE MAY DEPOSIT OR
23 PERMIT OTHERS TO DEPOSIT OTHER MONEY INTO THE WORKFORCE
24 DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND CONSISTS OF
25 THE FOLLOWING:

26 (a) FOURTEEN PERCENT OF THE SUPPORT SURCHARGE COLLECTED
27 PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-76-102.5 (3)(a)(IV);

1 (b) ANY MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND BY THE GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY;

3 (c) ANY MONEY GRANTED TO THE ENTERPRISE FROM A FEDERAL
4 AGENCY FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES;

5 (d) ANY MONEY FROM BONDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
6 (6) OF THIS SECTION; AND

7 (e) ANY GIFTS, GRANT, DONATIONS, OR OTHER MONEY RECEIVED
8 BY THE ENTERPRISE.

9 (5) THE ENTERPRISE MAY ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF CONTRACTORS
10 AND CONSULTANTS, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
11 EMPLOYMENT AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, FOR PROFESSIONAL
12 AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE AND TO SUPPLY OTHER
13 SERVICES RELATED TO CONDUCTING THE AFFAIRS OF THE ENTERPRISE.

14 (6) (a) THE ENTERPRISE IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS
15 FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE ENTERPRISE, WHICH BONDS MAY BE SECURED
16 BY ANY REVENUES OF THE ENTERPRISE. REVENUE FROM THE BONDS ISSUED
17 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6)(a) SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE
18 FUND.

19 (b) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ENTERPRISE IS AS FOLLOWS:

20 (I) THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
21 COUNCIL OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND

22 (II) TEN MEMBERS, ONE REPRESENTING EACH LOCAL WORKFORCE
23 COUNCIL, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.

24 (c) THE BOARD HAS THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES:

25 (I) TO SUPERVISE THE ENTERPRISE;

26 (II) TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS;

27 (III) TO ACQUIRE, HOLD TITLE TO, AND DISPOSE OF REAL AND

1 PERSONAL PROPERTY AS NECESSARY IN THE EXERCISE OF THE BOARD'S
2 POWERS AND PERFORMANCE OF THE BOARD'S DUTIES;

3 (IV) TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT;

4 (V) TO REQUEST THE STATE TREASURER TO ACT AS ADVISOR TO
5 THE FUND TO ISSUE SUCH BONDS AND NOTES AS ARE NECESSARY TO
6 MAINTAIN ADEQUATE BALANCES IN THE FUND; AND

7 (VI) TO HAVE AND EXERCISE ALL RIGHTS AND POWERS NECESSARY
8 OR INCIDENTAL TO OR IMPLIED FROM THE SPECIFIC POWERS AND DUTIES
9 GRANTED BY THIS SECTION.

10 (7) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (9) OF THIS SECTION, THE
11 STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED
12 FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE WORKFORCE
13 DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE FUND. MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL NOT BE
14 CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND
15 AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

16 (8) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE MONEY IN
17 THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT.

18 (9) (a) AT THE END OF THE 2024-25 STATE FISCAL YEAR, IF THE
19 AMOUNT IN THE FUND EXCEEDS SIX MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND
20 DOLLARS, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER THE MONEY IN THE
21 FUND IN EXCESS OF SIX MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO
22 THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-77-101
23 (1).

24 (b) AT THE END OF THE 2025-26 STATE FISCAL YEAR, AND EACH
25 STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, IF THE AMOUNT IN THE FUND EXCEEDS
26 SIX MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, AS ADJUSTED FOR THE
27 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

1 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD OR ITS
2 SUCCESSOR INDEX, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ANY MONEY
3 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION THAT WOULD CAUSE THE
4 BALANCE IN THE FUND TO EXCEED THE ADJUSTED AMOUNT TO THE
5 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-77-101 (1).

6 **SECTION 5. Appropriation - adjustments to 2023 long bill.**

7 (1) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general
8 appropriation act for the 2023-24 state fiscal year to the department of
9 labor and employment are adjusted as follows:

10 (a) The cash funds appropriation from the employment support
11 fund created in section 8-77-109 (1)(b), C.R.S., for program costs related
12 to the division of unemployment insurance is decreased by \$10,457,137;

13 (b) The cash funds appropriation from the employment and
14 training technology fund created in section 8-77-109 (2)(a.9)(II)(A),
15 C.R.S., for program costs related to the division of unemployment
16 insurance is increased by \$10,457,137;

17 (c) The cash funds appropriation from the employment support
18 fund created in section 8-77-109 (1)(b), C.R.S., for state operations and
19 program costs related to the division of employment and training is
20 decreased by \$3,669,974, and the related FTE is decreased by 57.4 FTE;

21 (d) The cash funds appropriation from the workforce development
22 fund created in section 8-83-107 (4), C.R.S., for workforce center
23 program costs related to the workforce development enterprise in the
24 division of employment and training is increased by \$3,669,974. This is
25 based on an assumption the division will require an additional 57.4 FTE.

26 (e) The cash funds appropriation from the employment support
27 fund created in section 8-77-109 (1)(b), C.R.S., for one-stop workforce

1 center contracts related to the division of employment and training is
2 decreased by \$9,829,126;

3 (f) The anticipated federal funds for one-stop workforce center
4 contracts related to the division of employment and training is decreased
5 by \$11,031,925, and the related FTE is decreased by 36.0 FTE. This
6 figure is subject to the "(I)" notation as defined in the annual general
7 appropriation act for the 2023-24 state fiscal year.

8 (g) The anticipated federal funds from the workforce innovation
9 and opportunity act related to the division of employment and training is
10 increased by \$11,031,925, and the related FTE is increased by 36.0 FTE.
11 This figure is subject to the "(I)" notation as defined in the annual general
12 appropriation act for the 2023-24 state fiscal year.

13 (h) (I) The cash funds appropriation from the SPARC program
14 fund created in section 24-46.3-505 (1), C.R.S., for state operations and
15 program costs related to the division of employment and training is
16 increased by \$68,513; and

17 (II) The cash funds appropriation from the SPARC program fund
18 created in section 24-46.3-505 (1), C.R.S., for one-stop workforce center
19 contracts related to the division of employment and training is decreased
20 by \$68,513; and

21 (i) The cash funds appropriation from the workforce development
22 fund created in section 8-83-107 (4), C.R.S., for workforce center
23 program costs related to the workforce development enterprise in the
24 division of employment and training is increased by \$9,829,126.

25 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,
26 \$14,003,304 is appropriated to the department of labor and employment
27 for use by the division of employment and training. This appropriation is

1 from the workforce development fund created in section 8-83-107 (4),
2 C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for
3 workforce center program costs related to the workforce development
4 enterprise.

5 **SECTION 7. Effective date.** This act takes effect June 15, 2024.

6 **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
9 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
10 institutions.