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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Statutorily creates the governor's energy office (office) within the office of the governor. Specifies the director as the head of the office. Establishes duties and powers of the office and the director.

Makes conforming amendments.

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

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.

1 (d) PROMOTE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND ECONOMIC
2 DEVELOPMENT;

3 (e) ADVANCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
4 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 24-75-1201;

5 (f) IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER A WIND FOR SCHOOLS PROJECT
6 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 89 OF TITLE 22, C.R.S.;

7 (g) WORK WITH THE COLORADO ENERGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO
8 PROVIDE GRANTS TO ADVANCE ENERGY-EFFICIENT DESIGN AND
9 CONSTRUCTION AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 23-41-114 (4) (b) (VI), C.R.S.;

10 (h) DISTRIBUTE MONEY TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY
11 AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 24-47.5-103 (1);

12 (i) SEND AN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE POLLUTION
13 PREVENTION ADVISORY BOARD ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO
14 SECTION 25-16.5-105.5 (2) (c) (III), C.R.S.;

15 (j) ENSURE THAT INFORMATION EXPLAINING THE REQUIREMENTS
16 OF ENERGY CODES IS AVAILABLE AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
17 CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ENERGY
18 CODES TO BOTH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AS SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS
19 30-28-211 (7) AND 31-15-602 (7), C.R.S.;

20 (k) COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF LAND
21 COMMISSIONERS REGARDING RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE
22 DEVELOPMENT AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 36-1-147.5 (4), C.R.S.;

23 (l) PROVIDE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS FOR
24 LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 39-29-109 (1.5),
25 C.R.S., AND PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN
26 ANNUAL REPORT AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 39-29-109 (1.5) (h) (V), C.R.S.;

27 (m) ESTABLISH AND MANAGE A PROGRAM TO IMPROVE ENERGY

1 EFFICIENCY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 39-29-109.5,
2 C.R.S.;

3 (n) PROVIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES WITH REASONABLE ASSISTANCE, IF
4 REQUESTED, IN SEEKING AND OBTAINING SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP FOR
5 AN IGCC PROJECT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 40-2-123 (2) (b) (I), C.R.S.,
6 AND MANAGE AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE UTILITY SOME OR ALL OF ANY
7 FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE STATE OR BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
8 TO THE STATE FOR PURPOSES OF STUDY OR DEVELOPMENT OF AN IGCC
9 PROJECT AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 40-2-123 (2) (j), C.R.S.; AND

10 (o) CONVENE THE TASK FORCE ON RENEWABLE RESOURCE
11 GENERATION DEVELOPMENT AREAS AND CONTRACT, IF NECESSARY, WITH
12 A MEDIATOR OR OTHER THIRD PARTY TO FACILITATE THE
13 ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE TASK FORCE'S DUTIES PURSUANT TO SECTION
14 40-4-116 (2) (a) (I), C.R.S., AND ACCEPT PRIVATE GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
15 DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE TASK FORCE
16 TO PERFORM ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 40-4-116 (5),
17 C.R.S.

18 (2) THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE SHALL
19 SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO
20 CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 9.7 OF
21 TITLE 40, C.R.S.

22 **SECTION 2.** 22-89-103 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
23 amended to read:

24 **22-89-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context
25 otherwise requires:

26 (1) ~~"Office of energy management and conservation" means the~~
27 ~~office of energy management and conservation within the office of the~~

1 ~~governor or any successor office that is created within the office of the~~
2 ~~governor for the purpose of promoting energy management or~~
3 ~~conservation~~ "GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S
4 ENERGY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.

5 **SECTION 3.** 22-89-104 (1) and (2) (a), Colorado Revised
6 Statutes, are amended to read:

7 **22-89-104. Wind for schools grant program - created -**
8 **applications.** (1) There is hereby created the wind for schools grant
9 program to fund wind for schools projects at qualified schools. A
10 qualified school may, with the written authorization of the local board of
11 education, apply to the GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office, ~~of energy~~
12 ~~management and conservation~~, in accordance with procedures and
13 deadlines adopted by the office, to receive moneys through the grant
14 program. The office shall administer the grant program as provided in
15 this article and pursuant to policies adopted by the office.

16 (2) (a) The GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy management~~
17 ~~and conservation~~ shall adopt policies specifying when a qualified school
18 may request a grant and the procedure for making the request.

19 **SECTION 4.** 22-89-105, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
20 to read:

21 **22-89-105. Wind for schools grant program - policies -**
22 **awarding grants.** (1) The GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy~~
23 ~~management and conservation~~ shall adopt policies for the implementation
24 of the wind for schools grant program. At a minimum, the policies shall
25 specify the procedures for applying for a grant, the form of the grant
26 application, the information to be provided by the applicant, and the
27 criteria for awarding grants.

1 (2) (a) The GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy management~~
2 ~~and conservation~~ shall review each grant application received from a
3 qualified school pursuant to section 22-89-104 and shall make a
4 determination as to whether the grant should be awarded and, except as
5 provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (2), the amount of the grant.
6 If the office determines an application is missing any information
7 required by the office's policy to be included with the application, the
8 office may contact the applicant to obtain the missing information.

9 (b) In awarding grants pursuant to this article, the GOVERNOR'S
10 ENERGY office ~~of energy management and conservation~~ shall consider, at
11 a minimum, whether a qualified school:

12 (I) Would reduce its electricity costs by the implementation of a
13 wind for schools project; and

14 (II) Has a plan in place to incorporate the implementation of a
15 wind for schools project into its educational curriculum.

16 (c) A qualified school shall not receive an aggregate amount of
17 grants pursuant to this article that exceeds five thousand dollars.

18 (3) The GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy management and~~
19 ~~conservation~~ shall use at least fifty thousand dollars for the
20 implementation of this grant program from the existing resources of the
21 office. ~~of energy management and conservation.~~ The minimum funding
22 requirement for the implementation of this grant program may be met in
23 one or more fiscal years. The office ~~of the governor~~ shall not submit a
24 request for an appropriation or a supplemental appropriation for this
25 purpose.

26 **SECTION 5.** 23-41-114 (4) (b) (VI) (A), Colorado Revised
27 Statutes, is amended to read:

1 **23-41-114. Colorado energy research institute - creation.**

2 (4) The institute shall conduct:

3 (b) The following specific research and educational programs
4 designed to meet the information needs of the department of natural
5 resources, other agencies of the state's executive branch, the legislature,
6 and the public:

7 (VI) (A) To provide grants through the governor's ENERGY office
8 ~~of energy management and conservation~~ CREATED IN SECTION
9 24-38.5-101, C.R.S., for the development of a central resource for
10 building trade professionals, including contractors, engineers, architects,
11 and designers, for the purpose of increasing available tools and education
12 to advance energy-efficient design and construction.

13 **SECTION 6.** 24-47.5-103 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read:

15 **24-47.5-103. Funding - appropriations contingent on receipt**
16 **of federal grant moneys - repeal.** (1) For the state fiscal year
17 commencing on July 1, 2006, and in each of the state fiscal years
18 commencing on July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2008, the general assembly shall
19 appropriate two million dollars from the operational account of the
20 severance tax trust fund created in section 39-29-109, C.R.S., to the
21 governor's ENERGY office ~~of energy management and conservation, or any~~
22 ~~analogous successor office~~ CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, for
23 distribution to the authority for the purposes specified in section
24 24-47.5-102; except that, if grants of federal moneys equal to or
25 exceeding the amount of state moneys appropriated pursuant to this
26 article have not been received by June 30, 2012, the unexpended and
27 unencumbered balance of said appropriation shall revert to the

1 operational account of the severance tax trust fund.

2 **SECTION 7.** 24-75-1201, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 **24-75-1201. Clean energy fund - creation - use of fund -**
5 **definitions.** (1) (a) The clean energy fund is hereby created in the state
6 treasury. The principal of the fund shall consist of moneys transferred to
7 the fund at the end of the 2006-07 state fiscal year and at the end of each
8 succeeding state fiscal year from the limited gaming fund created in
9 section 12-47.1-701 (1), C.R.S., in accordance with section 12-47.1-701
10 (5), C.R.S., and from moneys received by the governor's energy office ~~or~~
11 ~~any successor office,~~ pursuant to section 39-29-109 (1.5), C.R.S., in
12 accordance with section 39-29-109 (1.5) (h) (VII), C.R.S. Interest and
13 income earned on the deposit and investment of moneys in the clean
14 energy fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund at the end
15 of any state fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not be credited
16 to the state general fund or any other fund.

17 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE"
18 MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION
19 24-38.5-101.

20 (2) (a) All moneys in the clean energy fund are continuously
21 appropriated to the governor's energy office ~~or any successor office,~~ for
22 the purposes of advancing energy efficiency and renewable energy
23 throughout the state. ~~The office may expend moneys from the fund:~~

24 (b) THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE MAY EXPEND MONEYS FROM
25 THE CLEAN ENERGY FUND:

26 (I) To attract renewable energy industry investment in the state;

27 (II) To assist in technology transfer into the marketplace for newly

- 1 developed energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies;
- 2 (III) To provide market incentives for the purchase and
3 distribution of energy efficient and renewable energy products;
- 4 (IV) To assist in the implementation of energy efficiency projects
5 throughout the state;
- 6 (V) To aid governmental agencies in energy efficiency
7 government initiatives;
- 8 (VI) To facilitate widespread implementation of renewable energy
9 technologies; and
- 10 (VII) In any other manner that serves the purposes of advancing
11 energy efficiency and renewable energy throughout the state.

12 (c) (I) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
13 PARAGRAPH (c), THE MONEYS IN THE CLEAN ENERGY FUND MAY ALSO BE
14 USED BY THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE TO MAKE GRANTS OR LOANS TO
15 PERSONS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2-4-401 (8), C.R.S., FOR USE IN
16 CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 12. THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY
17 OFFICE SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN DETERMINING
18 WHETHER TO MAKE A GRANT OR LOAN:

- 19 (A) THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT OR LOAN;
- 20 (B) THE QUANTIFIED IMPACT ON ENERGY DEMAND OR AMOUNT OF
21 CLEAN ENERGY PRODUCTION GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THE GRANT OR
22 LOAN;
- 23 (C) THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE GRANT OR LOAN;
- 24 AND
- 25 (D) THE PUBLIC BENEFITS EXPECTED TO RESULT FROM THE GRANT
26 OR LOAN.
- 27 (II) THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE MAY ESTABLISH TERMS AND

1 CONDITIONS FOR MAKING GRANTS OR LOANS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
2 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE OFFICE AS SET FORTH
3 IN SECTION 24-38.5-102.

4 **SECTION 8.** 25-16.5-105 (1) (m) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes,
5 is amended to read:

6 **25-16.5-105. Powers and duties of the advisory board -**
7 **advanced technology fund.** (1) The advisory board shall have the
8 following powers and duties:

9 (m) (I) In accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (II) of
10 this paragraph (m), to submit an annual report to the department of local
11 affairs, the department, the governor's ENERGY office ~~of energy~~
12 ~~management and conservation~~ CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.,
13 and the standing committee of reference in each house of the general
14 assembly exercising jurisdiction over matters concerning public health
15 and the environment.

16 **SECTION 9.** 25-16.5-105.5 (2) (c) (III), Colorado Revised
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 **25-16.5-105.5. Pollution prevention advisory board assistance**
19 **committee - appointments - membership - definitions.** (2) (c) The
20 members appointed to the committee shall include representatives of
21 industry, nonprofit and community organizations, state agencies, and
22 local governments in accordance with the following:

23 (III) One member of the committee shall be a representative of the
24 governor's ENERGY office ~~of energy management and conservation~~
25 CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.

26 **SECTION 10.** 30-28-211 (2) (b) and (2) (c), Colorado Revised
27 Statutes, are amended to read:

1 **30-28-211. Energy efficient building codes - legislative**
2 **declaration - definitions.** (2) As used in this section, unless the context
3 otherwise requires:

4 (b) "Energy code" means, at a minimum, the 2003 international
5 energy conservation code, or any successor edition, published by the
6 international code council or any other code determined by the
7 GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy management and conservation~~
8 ~~CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.~~, to be more appropriate for local
9 conditions.

10 (c) "Office" means the GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy~~
11 ~~management and conservation within the office of the governor or any~~
12 ~~successor office that is created within the office of the governor for the~~
13 ~~purpose of promoting energy management or conservation~~ CREATED IN
14 SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.

15 **SECTION 11.** 31-15-602 (2) (b) and (2) (c), Colorado Revised
16 Statutes, are amended to read:

17 **31-15-602. Energy efficient building codes - legislative**
18 **declaration - definitions.** (2) As used in this section, unless the context
19 otherwise requires:

20 (b) "Energy code" means, at a minimum, the 2003 international
21 energy conservation code, or any successor edition, published by the
22 international code council or any other code determined by the
23 GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy management and conservation~~
24 ~~CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.~~, to be more appropriate for local
25 conditions.

26 (c) "Office" means the GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy~~
27 ~~management and conservation within the office of the governor or any~~

1 ~~successor office that is created within the office of the governor for the~~
2 ~~purpose of promoting energy management or conservation~~ CREATED IN
3 SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.

4 **SECTION 12.** 36-1-147.5 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read:

6 **36-1-147.5. Leasing arrangements for renewable energy**
7 **resources development - legislative declaration - definitions.** (4) The
8 state board of land commissioners shall collaborate with the GOVERNOR'S
9 ENERGY office ~~of energy management and conservation~~ AS CREATED IN
10 SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S., to ensure that potential renewable energy
11 resource developers are aware of any lands identified by the board as
12 being suitable for development of renewable energy resources.

13 **SECTION 13.** 39-29-109 (1.5) (b) (II), (1.5) (c) (II), (1.5) (d) (I)
14 (B), (1.5) (e) (I) (B), the introductory portions to 39-29-109 (1.5) (h) (I)
15 and (1.5) (h) (III), 39-29-109 (1.5) (h) (IV), the introductory portion to
16 (1.5) (h) (V), and 39-29-109 (1.5) (h) (VI), (1.5) (h) (VII), (1.5) (i) (IV),
17 and (8) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

18 **39-29-109. Severance task trust fund - created -**
19 **administration - use of moneys - definitions - repeal.** (1.5) (b) For the
20 state fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2005, the general assembly shall
21 appropriate twenty-four million dollars from the operational account of
22 the severance tax trust fund as follows:

23 (II) Four million dollars shall be appropriated to the GOVERNOR'S
24 ENERGY office ~~of the governor to be used by the office of energy~~
25 ~~management and conservation~~ to provide home energy efficiency
26 improvements for low-income households.

27 (c) For the state fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2006, the

1 general assembly shall appropriate eleven million dollars from the
2 operational account of the severance tax trust fund as follows:

3 (II) Four million dollars shall be appropriated to the GOVERNOR'S
4 ENERGY office ~~of the governor to be used by the office of energy~~
5 ~~management and conservation~~ to provide home energy efficiency
6 improvements for low-income households.

7 (d) (I) For the state fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2007, the
8 general assembly shall appropriate twelve million dollars, or a lesser
9 amount as set forth in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (d), as follows:

10 (B) Five million dollars shall be appropriated to the GOVERNOR'S
11 ENERGY office ~~of the governor to be used by the office of energy~~
12 ~~management and conservation~~ to provide home energy efficiency
13 improvements for low-income households.

14 (e) (I) For the state fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2008, the
15 general assembly shall appropriate thirteen million dollars, or a lesser
16 amount as set forth in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (e), as follows:

17 (B) Six million dollars shall be appropriated to the GOVERNOR'S
18 ENERGY office ~~of the governor to be used by the office of energy~~
19 ~~management and conservation~~ to provide home energy efficiency
20 improvements for low-income households.

21 (h) (I) The GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy management and~~
22 ~~conservation~~ shall use moneys it receives pursuant to this subsection (1.5)
23 for a program to provide home energy efficiency improvements for
24 low-income households, which shall include any of the following
25 services:

26 (III) In carrying out the program to improve the home energy
27 efficiency of low-income households, the GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of~~

1 ~~energy management and conservation~~ shall:

2 (IV) The GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy management and~~
3 ~~conservation~~ may use up to five percent of the moneys appropriated
4 pursuant to this subsection (1.5) for planning, overseeing, and evaluating
5 the program to improve the home energy efficiency of low-income
6 households. The office shall not hire additional state employees using
7 these moneys to implement the program, but may contract with nonprofit
8 organizations, for-profit organizations, and governmental entities as is
9 necessary to carry out the program.

10 (V) For any fiscal year in which moneys are expended as part of
11 the program to improve the home energy efficiency of low-income
12 households, the GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy management and~~
13 ~~conservation~~ shall prepare and submit to the general assembly an annual
14 report that specifies:

15 (VI) If in a given fiscal year that commences before July 1, 2006,
16 the GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of energy management and conservation~~
17 determines that it cannot use all of the moneys it receives pursuant to this
18 subsection (1.5), the office shall notify the governor and the joint budget
19 committee of the general assembly of such fact. Upon notification, the
20 general assembly may make a supplemental appropriation to reduce the
21 amount appropriated to the office and increase the amount appropriated
22 to the department of human services for the purpose of increasing
23 available funds under the low-income energy assistance program.

24 (VII) If in a given fiscal year that commences on or after July 1,
25 2006, the governor's energy office ~~or any successor office~~, cannot use all
26 of the moneys it receives pursuant to this subsection (1.5) for the program
27 described in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (h), at the end of the fiscal

1 year the state treasurer shall transfer the moneys that the office cannot use
2 to the clean energy fund created in section 24-75-1201 (1), C.R.S.

3 (i) As used in this subsection (1.5), unless the context otherwise
4 requires:

5 (IV) ~~"Office of energy management and conservation" means the~~
6 ~~office of energy management and conservation within the office of the~~
7 ~~governor or any successor office that is created within the office of the~~
8 ~~governor for the purpose of promoting energy management or~~
9 ~~conservation~~ "GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S
10 ENERGY OFFICE AS CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.

11 (8) (a) Subject to the end balance requirement of paragraph (f) of
12 subsection (1.5) of this section and the maintenance of a two-year reserve
13 pursuant to sub-subparagraph (A) of subparagraph (III) of paragraph (c)
14 of subsection (1) of this section, for three state fiscal years beginning with
15 the state fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2006, a portion of the
16 operational account of the severance tax trust fund shall be appropriated
17 to the governor's ENERGY office ~~of energy management and conservation,~~
18 ~~or analogous successor office,~~ for distribution to the Colorado renewable
19 energy authority created in section 24-47.5-101, C.R.S., for the purposes
20 stated in section 24-47.5-102 (2), C.R.S. The amount appropriated shall
21 be two million dollars per year, subject to the limitations stated in section
22 24-47.5-102, C.R.S., and in this paragraph (a). If there are insufficient
23 moneys in the operational account to make all appropriations and
24 transfers at the highest level authorized by law, the appropriations
25 authorized by this subsection (8) and subsection (8.5) of this section shall
26 be reduced pro rata as necessary to accommodate all appropriations and
27 transfers at the highest level authorized by law other than this subsection

1 (8) and subsection (8.5) of this section.

2 **SECTION 14.** 39-29-109.5 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

4 **39-29-109.5. Interest differential - public school energy**
5 **efficiency fund - creation - uses - definitions - repeal.** (1) As used in
6 this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

7 (a.5) "GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S
8 ENERGY OFFICE AS CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.

9 **SECTION 15.** 39-29-109.5 (2) and the introductory portion to
10 39-29-109.5 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

11 **39-29-109.5. Interest differential - public school energy**
12 **efficiency fund - creation - uses - definitions - repeal.** (2) On
13 December 1, 2007, and the first day of every third month thereafter up to
14 and including September 1, 2010, the legislative council staff shall
15 calculate the interest differential earned during the prior calendar quarter
16 and notify the state treasurer of such amount. Upon receiving notice, the
17 treasurer shall transfer an amount equal to the interest differential from
18 the severance tax funds to the public school energy efficiency fund, which
19 is hereby created in the state treasury; except that the total transfer to the
20 fund for any state fiscal year shall not exceed one million five hundred
21 thousand dollars. Moneys in the fund are hereby continuously
22 appropriated to the GOVERNOR'S ENERGY office ~~of the governor to be used~~
23 ~~by the governor's energy office, or an analogous successor office,~~ for the
24 purposes set forth in subsection (3) of this section. All income and
25 interest derived from the deposit and investment of the moneys in the
26 fund shall be credited to the fund.

27 (3) The governor's energy office ~~or an analogous successor office,~~

1 shall use moneys appropriated from the fund to establish and manage a
2 program to improve energy efficiency in public schools. In administering
3 the program, the ~~governor's energy office or an analogous successor~~
4 ~~office~~, shall give consideration to whether a public school or school
5 district is located in an area socially or economically impacted by the
6 development, processing, or energy conversion of minerals and mineral
7 fuels subject to taxation under this article. The program shall include the
8 following features:

9 **SECTION 16.** 40-2-123 (2) (j), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read:

11 **40-2-123. New energy technologies - consideration by**
12 **commission - incentives - demonstration projects.** (2) (j) In order to
13 reduce the cost to Colorado consumers of an IGCC project, the
14 department of public health and environment, the governor's office of
15 economic development, and the governor's ENERGY office ~~of energy~~
16 ~~management and conservation~~ may provide public utilities with
17 reasonable assistance in seeking and obtaining financial and other support
18 and sponsorship for a project from the United States congress, the United
19 States department of energy, and other appropriate federal and state
20 agencies and institutions. To obtain this assistance, the utility may
21 provide to these state agencies copies of its IGCC project proposal. The
22 governor's ENERGY office ~~of energy management and conservation~~ shall
23 manage and distribute to the utility some or all of any funds provided by
24 the state of Colorado or by the United States government to the state of
25 Colorado for purposes of study or development of an IGCC project.

26 **SECTION 17.** 40-4-116 (2) (a) (I), (5), and (6) (a), Colorado
27 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

1 **40-4-116. Renewable resource generation development areas**

2 **- task force - fund - definitions.** (2) **Membership.** (a) The task force
3 shall consist of sixteen members as follows:

4 (I) The director of the governor's energy office, ~~or any successor~~
5 ~~office created within the office of the governor~~, or his or her designee,
6 who shall convene the task force and who is authorized to contract with
7 a mediator or other third party to facilitate accomplishment of the task
8 force's duties;

9 (5) **Funding.** (a) The governor's energy office ~~or any successor~~
10 ~~office created within the office of the governor~~ may accept private gifts,
11 grants, and donations for the purpose of providing support to the task
12 force to perform its responsibilities specified in this section. Any such
13 gifts, grants, and donations shall be held in the renewable resource
14 generation development areas fund, also referred to in this section as the
15 "fund", which fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall
16 also consist of moneys appropriated and transferred to the fund. Earnings
17 from investment of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the
18 fund shall be annually appropriated to the governor's energy office ~~or any~~
19 ~~successor office created within the office of the governor~~ for the purpose
20 of carrying out the provisions of this section. Any unexpended or
21 unencumbered moneys remaining in the fund as of January 1, 2008, shall
22 revert to the ~~office of the governor to be used by the~~ governor's energy
23 office. ~~or any successor office created within the office of the governor.~~

24 (b) It is the intent of the general assembly that the governor's
25 energy office ~~or any successor office created within the office of the~~
26 ~~governor~~ not be required to solicit gifts, grants, or donations from any
27 source for the purposes of this section and that no general fund moneys

1 be used to pay for grants awarded pursuant to this section or for any
2 expenses of the task force.

3 (c) If, by July 1, 2007, moneys in the fund created pursuant to
4 paragraph (a) of this subsection (5) have not reached an amount sufficient
5 to pay the expenses of the task force, the task force shall not meet, nor
6 undertake any other duties pursuant to this section, and the governor's
7 energy office ~~or any successor office created within the office of the~~
8 ~~governor~~ shall return to each grantor or donor an amount equal to such
9 grantor's or donor's contribution. The interest, if any, earned from the
10 investment of moneys in the account shall be transferred to the general
11 fund.

12 (6) **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context
13 otherwise requires:

14 (a) "Governor's energy office" means the governor's energy office
15 ~~or any successor office, created within the office of the governor for the~~
16 ~~purpose of promoting energy management or conservation~~ AS CREATED
17 IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.

18 **SECTION 18.** 40-9.7-103, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
19 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

20 **40-9.7-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context
21 otherwise requires:

22 (8.5) "GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S
23 ENERGY OFFICE AS CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101, C.R.S.

24 **SECTION 19.** 40-9.7-104 (2) (a) (IV), Colorado Revised
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 **40-9.7-104. Colorado clean energy development authority -**
27 **creation - board membership.** (2) The authority shall be governed by

1 a board of directors, which shall exercise the powers of the authority and
2 shall be composed of nine members, including:

3 (a) The following four ex officio members of the executive branch
4 of state government or their designees:

5 (IV) The director of the governor's ENERGY office, ~~of energy~~
6 ~~management and conservation~~, who shall serve as the chairperson of the
7 board.

8 **SECTION 20. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.