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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REALLOCATION OF THE PRIMARY CARE OFFICE**
102 **FROM THE PREVENTION SERVICES DIVISION TO THE**
103 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, AND, IN**
104 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE**
105 **COLORADO HEALTH SERVICES CORPS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND**
106 **CLARIFYING THE MONEYS INCLUDED IN THE COLORADO HEALTH**
107 **SERVICES CORPS FUND.**

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

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This bill moves the primary care office and its powers, duties, and functions from the prevention services division to the department of public health and environment (CDPHE). The bill updates the law to make it consistent with federal requirements for programs operated by the primary care office. The bill reduces the number of members of the Colorado health service corps advisory council and clarifies the moneys included in the Colorado health service corps fund.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended and relocated provisions** parts 4 and 5 to article 1.5 of title 25 as follows:

PART 4

PRIMARY CARE OFFICE

25-1.5-401. [Formerly 25-20.5-601] Legislative declaration.

(1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) There is a shortage of qualified health care professionals in most areas of the state, particularly in rural and low-income communities;

(b) Lack of access to health care increases health inequities in Colorado and increases the overall cost of health care services;

(c) Communities designated as health professional shortage areas, medically underserved areas, or medically underserved populations may benefit from:

(I) Federal, state, and private programs that enhance reimbursement for medical services, provide grants for health service infrastructure, and create incentives for the placement of additional health care professionals in those communities; AND

~~(d) (II) Communities designated as health professional shortage~~

1 ~~areas, medically underserved areas, or medically underserved populations~~
2 ~~may benefit from~~ The placement of physicians through federal waiver
3 programs such as the national interest waiver program, the Conrad 30 J-1
4 visa waiver program, and the national health service corps; and

5 ~~(e)~~ (d) Assessing the health service needs of the state and
6 coordinating workforce programs to address those needs is an important
7 strategy for increasing access to health services in Colorado.

8 (2) The general assembly therefore finds that it is in the best
9 interests of the citizens of the state of Colorado to create the primary care
10 office within the department of public health and environment for the
11 purpose of identifying the areas within the state that lack sufficient health
12 care resources and coordinating available resources to maximize medical
13 reimbursements, grants, and placements of health care professionals
14 within those areas.

15 **25-1.5-402. [Formerly 25-20.5-602] Definitions.** As used in this
16 part 6 4, unless the context otherwise requires:

17 (1) "Conrad 30 J-1 visa waiver program" means the program
18 established in 8 U.S.C. sec. 1184 (l) (1) (D) (ii), allowing foreign-trained
19 physicians who meet certain criteria to practice in communities
20 designated as medically underserved areas, medically underserved
21 populations, or health professional shortage areas.

22 (2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
23 AND ENVIRONMENT, CREATED IN SECTION 25-1-102.

24 (3) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
25 THE DEPARTMENT.

26 ~~(2)~~ (4) "Health care professional" means a licensed physician, an
27 advanced practice nurse registered pursuant to section 12-38-111.5,

1 C.R.S., a mental health practitioner, a licensed physician assistant, or any
2 other licensed health care provider for which the federal government
3 authorizes participation in a federally matched state loan repayment
4 program to encourage health care professionals to provide services in
5 underserved communities.

6 (3) (5) "Health professional shortage area" ~~shall have~~ HAS the
7 same meaning as provided in 42 U.S.C. sec. 254e.

8 (4) (6) "Medically underserved area" means a medically
9 underserved community as defined in 42 U.S.C. sec. 295p.

10 (5) (7) "Medically underserved population" ~~shall have~~ HAS the
11 same meaning as provided in 42 U.S.C. sec. 254b.

12 (6) (8) "National health service corps" means the program
13 established in 42 U.S.C. sec. 254d.

14 (7) (9) "National interest waiver program" means the program
15 established in 8 U.S.C. sec. 1153 (b) (2) (B) (ii) allowing foreign-trained
16 physicians who meet certain criteria to practice in communities
17 designated as medically underserved areas, medically underserved
18 populations, or health professional shortage areas.

19 (8) (10) "State board" means the state board of health created in
20 section 25-1-103.

21 **25-1.5-403. [Formerly 25-20.5-603] Primary care office -**
22 **creation.** (1) There is hereby created in the ~~prevention services division~~
23 ~~of the~~ department the primary care office for the purpose of assessing and
24 addressing unmet needs concerning health care professionals, resources,
25 and infrastructure across the state. The executive director of the
26 department, subject to the provisions of section 13 of article XII of the
27 state constitution, shall appoint the director of the primary care office,

1 who ~~shall be~~ IS the head of the office.

2 (2) The primary care office and the director of the office shall
3 exercise their powers and perform their duties and functions specified in
4 this part ~~6 4~~ under the department as if the same were transferred to the
5 department by a **type 2** transfer, as such transfer is defined in the
6 "Administrative Organization Act of 1968", article 1 of title 24, C.R.S.

7 (3) The primary care office ~~shall include~~ INCLUDES the Colorado
8 health service corps advisory council created in section ~~25-20.5-704~~
9 25-1.5-504.

10 **25-1.5-404. [Formerly 25-20.5-604] Primary care office -**
11 **powers and duties - rules.** (1) The primary care office ~~shall have~~ HAS,
12 at a minimum, the following powers and duties:

13 (a) To assess the health care professional needs of areas
14 throughout the state;

15 (b) To apply to the United States department of health and human
16 services, when appropriate, for designation of communities in the state as
17 medically underserved areas, medically underserved populations, or
18 health professional shortage areas or as any other designations necessary
19 to participate in a federal program to address health care professional
20 shortages;

21 (c) To maximize the placement of health care professionals who
22 serve communities designated as medically underserved areas, medically
23 underserved populations, or health professional shortage areas, or any
24 other communities eligible for participation in a federal, state, or private
25 program to address health care professional shortages, for the purpose of
26 qualifying said communities for increased reimbursements, grants, and
27 health care professional placements;

1 (d) To administer the Colorado health service corps pursuant to
2 ~~the provisions of part 7 5 of this article;~~

3 (e) To administer or provide technical assistance to participants
4 in applicable federal programs intended to address health care
5 professional shortages, including the Conrad 30 J-1 visa waiver program,
6 the national interest waiver program, and the national health service
7 corps. The state board may promulgate rules as necessary for the
8 administration of these programs and shall establish by rule application
9 fees for the Conrad 30 J-1 visa waiver program and the national interest
10 waiver program. The primary care office shall transfer the fee amounts
11 collected to the state treasurer for crediting to the visa waiver program
12 fund established in section ~~25-20.5-605~~ 25-1.5-405.

13 (f) To seek and accept public or private gifts, grants, or donations
14 to apply to the costs incurred in fulfilling the duties specified in this
15 section and otherwise administering the programs within the office; AND

16 (g) To administer nursing and health care professional faculty loan
17 repayment pursuant to part 7 5 of this article.

18 **25-1.5-405. [Formerly 25-20.5-605] Visa waiver program fund.**

19 There is hereby created in the state treasury the visa waiver program fund,
20 referred to in this section as the "fund", that ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of the
21 application fees collected pursuant to section ~~25-20.5-604 (1) (e)~~
22 25-1.5-404 (1) (e) and any additional moneys that the general assembly
23 may appropriate to the fund. ~~In addition, for the 2009-10 fiscal year, the~~
24 ~~fund shall include the moneys transferred to the fund from the AIDS and~~
25 ~~HHV prevention fund pursuant to section 25-4-1415 (4).~~ The moneys in
26 the fund ~~shall be~~ ARE subject to annual appropriation by the general
27 assembly to the department for the direct and indirect costs incurred by

1 the department in performing its duties under this part 6 4. Any moneys
2 in the fund not expended for the purpose of this part 6 4 may be invested
3 by the state treasurer as provided by law. All interest and income derived
4 from the investment and deposit of moneys in the fund shall be credited
5 to the fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered moneys remaining in the
6 fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not be
7 credited or transferred to the general fund or another fund.

8 PART 5

9 STATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT

10 PROGRAM

11 **25-1.5-501. [Formerly 25-20.5-701] Legislative declaration.**

12 (1) The general assembly hereby finds that there are areas of Colorado
13 that suffer from a lack of health care professionals to serve, and a lack of
14 nursing or other health care professional faculty to train health care
15 professionals to meet, the medical needs of communities. The general
16 assembly further finds that the state needs to implement incentives to
17 encourage health care professionals to practice in these underserved areas
18 and to encourage nursing faculty and other health care professional
19 faculty to teach these health care professionals.

20 (2) It is therefore the intent of the general assembly in enacting
21 this part 7 5 to create a state health service corps program that uses state
22 moneys, federal moneys, when permissible, and contributions from
23 communities and private sources to help repay the outstanding education
24 loans that many health care professionals, nursing faculty, and health care
25 professional faculty hold. In exchange for repayment of loans incurred for
26 the purpose of obtaining education in their chosen health care professions,
27 the health care professionals will commit to provide health care services

1 in communities with underserved health care needs throughout the state,
2 and the nursing and health care professional faculty will commit to
3 providing a specified period of service in a qualified faculty position.

4 **25-1.5-502. [Formerly 25-20.5-702] Definitions.** As used in this
5 part 7 5, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (1) "Advisory council" means the Colorado health service corps
7 advisory council created pursuant to section ~~25-20.5-704~~ 25-1.5-504.

8 ~~(1.5)~~ (2) "Colorado health service corps" means the loan
9 repayment program created and operated pursuant to this part 7 5.

10 ~~(1.7)~~ (3) "Colorado health service corps fund" or "fund" means the
11 Colorado health service corps fund created in section ~~25-20.5-706~~
12 25-1.5-506.

13 ~~(2)~~ (4) "Federally designated health professional shortage area"
14 means a health professional shortage area as defined in 42 U.S.C. sec.
15 254e.

16 ~~(3)~~ (5) "Health care professional" means a licensed physician, an
17 advanced practice nurse registered pursuant to section 12-38-111.5,
18 C.R.S., a mental health practitioner, a licensed physician assistant, or any
19 other licensed health care provider for which the federal government
20 authorizes participation in a federally matched state loan repayment
21 program to encourage health care professionals to provide services in
22 underserved communities.

23 ~~(3.5)~~ (6) "Health care professional faculty member" means a
24 person who has an advanced degree in a health care professional field and
25 is employed in a qualified faculty position.

26 ~~(4) and (5) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2010, (HB 10-1138), ch.~~
27 ~~142, p. 479, § 2, effective July 1, 2010.)~~

1 ~~(6)~~ (7) "National health service corps program" means the
2 program established in 42 U.S.C. sec. 254d.

3 ~~(6.5)~~ (8) "Nursing faculty member" means a person who has an
4 advanced degree in nursing and is employed in a qualified faculty
5 position.

6 ~~(7)~~ (9) "Primary care office" means the primary care office created
7 pursuant to part ~~6~~ 4 of this article.

8 ~~(8)~~ (10) "Primary health services" means health services regarding
9 family medicine, general practice, general internal medicine, pediatrics,
10 general obstetrics and gynecology, oral health, or mental health that are
11 provided by health care professionals.

12 ~~(9)~~ (11) "Qualified faculty position" means a part-time or full-time
13 teaching position at an educational institution with accredited nursing or
14 health care professional training programs, which position requires an
15 advanced degree that meets national accreditation standards and is
16 approved by the primary care office.

17 **25-1.5-503. [Formerly 25-20.5-703] Colorado health service**
18 **corps - program - creation - conditions.** (1) (a) (I) ~~(A)~~ Beginning July
19 1, 2009, the primary care office shall maintain and administer, subject to
20 available appropriations, the Colorado health service corps. Subject to
21 available appropriations, the Colorado health service corps shall provide
22 loan repayment for certain eligible health care professionals who provide
23 primary health services. Beginning July 1, 2011, the Colorado health
24 service corps shall also provide loan repayment for certain eligible
25 nursing faculty or health care professional faculty members in qualified
26 faculty positions.

27 ~~(B) All contracts entered into by or on behalf of collegeinvest~~

1 pursuant to part 2 of article 3.6 of title 23, C.R.S., as it existed prior to
2 June 2, 2009, or the primary care office on behalf of the state health care
3 professional loan repayment program pursuant to this part 7, as it existed
4 prior to July 1, 2010, are hereby validated as obligations of the primary
5 care office on behalf of the Colorado health service corps.

6 (II) Under the Colorado health service corps, subject to the
7 limitations specified in subsection (2) of this section, upon entering into
8 a loan contract, the state may either:

9 (A) Make payments on the education loans of the health care
10 professional, nursing faculty member, or health care professional faculty
11 member; or

12 (B) Agree to make an advance payment in a lump sum of all or
13 part of the principal, interest, and related expenses of the education loans
14 of health care professionals, nursing faculty members, or health care
15 professional faculty members, subject to the limitations specified in
16 subsection (2) of this section.

17 (III) In consideration for receiving repayment of all or part of his
18 or her education loan, the health care professional shall agree to provide
19 primary health services in federally designated health professional
20 shortage areas in Colorado.

21 (IV) In consideration for receiving repayment of all or part of his
22 or her education loan, the nursing or other health care professional faculty
23 member shall MUST agree to serve two or more consecutive academic
24 years in a qualified faculty position.

25 (b) Repayment of loans under the Colorado health service corps
26 may be made using moneys in the Colorado health service corps fund.
27 The primary care office is authorized to receive and expend gifts, grants,

1 and donations or moneys appropriated by the general assembly for the
2 purpose of implementing the Colorado health service corps. In
3 administering the Colorado health service corps, the primary care office
4 shall collaborate with ~~the university of Colorado health sciences center~~
5 ~~and other~~ appropriate partners as needed to maximize the federal moneys
6 available to the state for state loan repayment programs through the
7 federal department of health and human services. The selection of health
8 care professionals, nursing faculty members, and health care professional
9 faculty members for participation in the Colorado health service corps is
10 exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of the "Procurement
11 Code", articles 101 to 112 of title 24, C.R.S.

12 (c) Health care professionals practicing in nonprimary care
13 specialties OR PROVIDING NONPRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES ~~shall~~ ARE not
14 ~~be~~ eligible for loan repayments through the Colorado health service corps.

15 (d) (I) As a condition of receiving a loan repayment through the
16 Colorado health service corps, a health care professional ~~shall~~ MUST enter
17 into a contract pursuant to which the health care professional agrees to
18 practice for at least two years in a community that is located in a federally
19 designated health professional shortage area. The health care
20 professional, the primary care office, and the community employer with
21 which the health care professional is practicing ~~shall~~ MUST be parties to
22 the contract.

23 (II) As a condition of receiving a loan repayment through the
24 Colorado health service corps, a nursing faculty or health care
25 professional faculty member ~~shall~~ MUST enter into a contract pursuant to
26 which he or she agrees to serve at least two consecutive academic years
27 or their equivalent in a qualified faculty position. The nursing faculty or

1 health care professional faculty member, the primary care office, and the
2 educational institution where the qualified faculty position is located shall
3 MUST be parties to the contract.

4 (2) Subject to available appropriations, the primary care office
5 shall annually select health care professionals, nursing faculty members,
6 and health care professional members from the list provided by the
7 advisory council pursuant to section ~~25-20.5-704~~ (6) 25-1.5-504 (6) to
8 participate in the Colorado health service corps.

9 ~~(2.5)~~ (3) The primary care office, after consulting with the
10 advisory council and accredited health care professional training
11 programs in the state, shall develop loan forgiveness criteria for nursing
12 faculty and other health care professional faculty members. In
13 determining whether to forgive the loan of a faculty member, the primary
14 care office shall consider the following criteria:

15 (a) The faculty positions available at the educational institution at
16 which the health care professional works;

17 (b) Documented recruiting efforts by the educational institution;

18 (c) The attributes of the educational or training program that are
19 designed with the intent to address known shortages of health care
20 professionals in Colorado;

21 (d) The type of programs offered at the educational institution,
22 including associate, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees in the health
23 care professions, and the need for those programs in the state.

24 ~~(2.7)~~ (4) In soliciting private grants to fund FACULTY loan
25 repayments, the primary care office shall give priority to soliciting grants
26 to fund repayments of loans for nursing faculty.

27 ~~(3)~~ (5) A health care professional participating in the Colorado

1 health service corps shall not practice with a for-profit private group or
2 solo practice or at a proprietary hospital or clinic.

3 ~~(4)~~ (6) A contract for loan repayment entered into pursuant to this
4 part ~~7~~ ~~shall~~ 5 MUST not include terms that are more favorable to health
5 care professionals than the most favorable terms that the secretary of the
6 federal department of health and human services is authorized to grant
7 under the national health services corps program. In addition, each
8 contract ~~shall~~ MUST include penalties for breach of contract that are at
9 least as stringent as those available to the secretary of the federal
10 department of health and human services. In the event of a breach of
11 contract for a loan repayment entered into pursuant to this part ~~7~~ 5, the
12 primary care office shall ~~be responsible for enforcing~~ ENFORCE the
13 contract and ~~collecting~~ COLLECT any damages or other penalties owed.

14 (5) ~~(Deleted by amendment, L. 2009, (HB 09-1111), ch. 396, p.~~
15 ~~2136, § 2, effective June 2, 2009.)~~

16 **25-1.5-504. [Formerly 25-20.5-704] Colorado health service**
17 **corps advisory council - creation - membership - duties - repeal.**

18 (1) There is hereby created in the primary care office the Colorado health
19 service corps advisory council to review applications for participation in
20 the Colorado health service corps and make recommendations to the
21 primary care office pursuant to section ~~25-20.5-703~~ (2) 25-1.5-503 (2).

22 (2) The advisory council ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of ~~fifteen~~
23 THIRTEEN members appointed by the governor as provided in this
24 subsection (2). ~~and in subsection (3) of this section.~~ In appointing
25 members of the advisory council, the governor shall ensure that the
26 advisory council includes

27 (a) at least one representative from each of the following

1 organizations:

2 ~~(I) A public institution of higher education in the state that has~~
3 ~~experience in administering education loan repayment programs for~~
4 ~~health care professionals serving in health professional shortage areas;~~

5 ~~(II) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2009, (HB 09-1111), ch. 396, p.~~
6 ~~2138, § 2, effective June 2, 2009.)~~

7 ~~(HH) (a) The commission on family medicine created pursuant to~~
8 ~~part 9 of article 1 of this title;~~

9 ~~(IV) (b) A nonprofit statewide membership organization that~~
10 ~~provides programs and services to enhance rural health care in Colorado;~~

11 ~~(V) (c) A membership organization representing federally~~
12 ~~qualified health centers in Colorado; and~~

13 ~~(VI) (d) A statewide membership organization representing~~
14 ~~physicians in Colorado; and~~ FOUNDATION THAT FUNDS A HEALTH CARE
15 PROFESSIONAL LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM IN COLORADO;

16 (e) AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION IN COLORADO;

17 (f) A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING COMMUNITY
18 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS;

19 (g) AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE IN A FACULTY POSITION AT AN
20 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS,
21 WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN COLORADO;

22 (h) A PHYSICIAN WHO HAS EXPERIENCE IN RURAL HEALTH, SAFETY
23 NET CLINICS, OR HEALTH EQUITY;

24 (i) A NURSE WHO HAS EXPERIENCE IN RURAL HEALTH, SAFETY NET
25 CLINICS, OR HEALTH EQUITY;

26 (j) A MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER WHO HAS EXPERIENCE IN RURAL
27 HEALTH, SAFETY NET CLINICS, OR HEALTH EQUITY;

1 (k) AN ORAL HEALTH PROVIDER WHO HAS EXPERIENCE IN RURAL
2 HEALTH, SAFETY NET CLINICS, OR HEALTH EQUITY;

3 (l) A MEMBER OF A PUBLIC MEDICAL SCHOOL FACULTY; AND

4 (m) A CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE IN RURAL
5 HEALTH, SAFETY NET CLINICS, OR HEALTH EQUITY.

6 ~~(b) Not more than four persons with expertise in providing health
7 care in health professional shortage areas of the state, including but not
8 limited to a representative from a public institution of higher education
9 in the state that provides health care professional education programs.~~

10 ~~(3) On and after July 1, 2009, in addition to the members specified
11 in subsection (2) of this section, the governor shall appoint
12 representatives to the advisory council as follows:~~

13 ~~(a) A representative of a foundation that funds a health care
14 professional loan forgiveness program in Colorado;~~

15 ~~(b) A representative of an economic development organization
16 that operates in Colorado;~~

17 ~~(c) A representative of a behavioral health organization that
18 operates in Colorado;~~

19 ~~(c.5) At least two representatives of a professional organization,
20 designated by the department, that represents nurses in Colorado;~~

21 ~~(d) At least two advanced practice nurses in faculty positions at
22 no less than two educational institutions with health care professional
23 programs, each of whom is licensed to practice in Colorado;~~

24 ~~(d.5) An advanced practice nurse in a faculty position at a
25 two-year educational institution with health care professional programs
26 who is licensed to practice in Colorado;~~

27 ~~(e) A representative of a state loan forgiveness program for oral~~

1 health professionals in Colorado; and

2 (f) An actively practicing primary care physician serving in a rural
3 community in Colorado.

4 (4) (3) (a) Members appointed to the advisory council shall MAY
5 serve terms of three years. except that:

6 (I) Of the members initially appointed to the advisory council
7 pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the governor shall select three
8 members who shall serve one-year terms and three members who shall
9 serve two-year terms; and

10 (II) Of the members initially appointed to the advisory council
11 pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the governor shall select two
12 members who shall serve one-year terms and two members who shall
13 serve two-year terms.

14 (b) The governor may appoint the same person to serve as a
15 member of the advisory council for consecutive terms.

16 (5) (4) (a) Advisory council members shall serve without
17 compensation and without reimbursement for expenses.

18 (b) The primary care office shall provide staff assistance to the
19 advisory council as necessary for the advisory council to complete the
20 duties specified in this section.

21 (6) (5) The advisory council shall review applications received
22 from health care professionals, nursing faculty members, and health care
23 professional faculty members to participate in the Colorado health service
24 corps. Subject to available appropriations and federal requirements
25 concerning eligibility for federal loan repayment matching funds, the
26 advisory council shall annually select health care professionals, nursing
27 faculty members, and health care professional faculty members to

1 participate in the Colorado health service corps and shall forward its list
2 of selected participants to the primary care office.

3 ~~(7)~~ (6) (a) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2017.

4 (b) Prior to said repeal, the advisory council shall be reviewed as
5 provided for in section 2-3-1203, C.R.S.

6 **25-1.5-505. [Formerly 25-20.5-705] Advisory council - report.**

7 (1) On or before December 1, 2011, and on or before December 1 every
8 two years thereafter, the advisory council shall submit to the governor, the
9 health and human services committee of the senate, and the health and
10 environment committee of the house of representatives, or any successor
11 committees, a report that includes, at a minimum, the following
12 information:

13 (a) Identification and a summary of successful loan forgiveness
14 programs for health care professionals and best practices in health care
15 professional loan forgiveness programs across the country;

16 (b) A description of the programmatic goals of the Colorado
17 health service corps, including the present status of and any barriers to
18 meeting those goals;

19 (c) Existing efforts and potential future projects to overcome any
20 barriers to meeting the programmatic goals of the Colorado health service
21 corps;

22 (d) An analysis of the impact of the Colorado health service corps
23 program;

24 (e) If applicable, results of any surveys conducted of state health
25 professional incentive programs in primary care and any
26 recommendations to individually enhance, improve coordination among,
27 and potentially consolidate existing or potential programs to better

1 address Colorado's primary care workforce issues; and

2 (f) The number of nursing faculty or other health care professional
3 faculty members who receive moneys from the Colorado health service
4 corps and the number of educational institutions where the recipients
5 teach.

6 ~~(2) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2010, (HB 10-1138), ch. 142, p.
7 482, § 5, effective July 1, 2010.)~~

8 **25-1.5-506. [Formerly 25-20.5-706] Colorado health service**
9 **corps fund - created - acceptance of grants and donations.** (1) The
10 Colorado health service corps fund is hereby created in the state treasury,
11 which fund consists of:

12 (a) All general fund moneys appropriated by the general assembly
13 for the Colorado health service corps, the first five hundred thousand
14 dollars of which shall be used solely for loan repayments for nursing
15 faculty; AND

16 ~~(b) Grants available from the federal department of health and
17 human services for the purpose of operating loan repayment programs;~~

18 ~~(c) (b) For the 2011-12 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter,
19 two hundred fifty thousand dollars transferred pursuant to section
20 24-75-1104.5 (1.5) (a) (XI), C.R.S.~~

21 ~~(d) Contributions from communities; and~~

22 ~~(e) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2010, (HB 10-1138), ch. 142, p.
23 484, § 6, effective July 1, 2010.)~~

24 ~~(f) For the 2009-10 fiscal year, moneys transferred to the fund
25 from the AIDS and HIV prevention fund pursuant to section 25-4-1415
26 (4).~~

27 (2) (a) The moneys in the fund, other than ~~any federal moneys~~

1 ~~credited to the fund~~ and the moneys described in paragraph (e) (b) of
2 subsection (1) of this section, are hereby continuously appropriated to the
3 primary care office for the Colorado health service corps. Any moneys in
4 the fund not expended for the purpose of this part 7 5 may be invested by
5 the state treasurer as provided by law. All interest and income derived
6 from the investment and deposit of moneys in the fund shall be credited
7 to the fund. Any unexpended and unencumbered moneys remaining in the
8 fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not be
9 credited or transferred to the general fund or another fund.

10 (b) The moneys described in paragraph (e) (b) of subsection (1)
11 of this section are subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly
12 to the primary care office for the Colorado health service corps.

13 (3) The primary care office is authorized to receive contributions,
14 grants, and services from public and private sources to carry out the
15 purposes of this part 7 5.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-1415, **repeal** (4)
17 as follows:

18 **25-4-1415. Cash fund - administration - limitation.** (4) ~~For the~~
19 ~~2009-10 fiscal year, the state treasurer shall transfer from the fund:~~

20 ~~(a) To the Colorado health service corps fund created in section~~
21 ~~25-20.5-706 the amount of one hundred twenty thousand dollars; and~~

22 ~~(b) To the visa waiver program fund created in section~~
23 ~~25-20.5-605 the amount of sixty-seven thousand two hundred ninety-four~~
24 ~~dollars for appropriation by the general assembly to the primary care~~
25 ~~office in the prevention services division of the department.~~

26 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **amend** (3)
27 (dd) (VIII) as follows:

1 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees.**

2 (3) (dd) (VIII) The Colorado health service corps advisory council
3 created pursuant to section ~~25-20.5-704~~ 25-1.5-504, C.R.S.;

4 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-1104.5,
5 **amend** (1.5) introductory portion and (1.5) (a) (XI) as follows:

6 **24-75-1104.5. Use of settlement moneys - programs - repeal.**

7 (1.5) (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section,
8 for the 2007-08 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the
9 following programs, services, and funds ~~shall~~ WILL receive the following
10 specified amounts from the portion of any settlement moneys received
11 and allocated by the state in the current fiscal year that remains after the
12 programs, services, and funds receiving such moneys pursuant to
13 subsection (1) of this section have been fully funded, and the portion of
14 all other settlement moneys received by the state in the preceding fiscal
15 year that remains after the programs, services, and funds receiving such
16 other settlement moneys pursuant to subsection (1) of this section have
17 been fully funded and all overexpenditures and supplemental
18 appropriations allowed for the 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, or 2009-10
19 fiscal years pursuant to section 24-22-115 (4) have been made:

20 (XI) For the 2011-12 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter,
21 the Colorado health service corps fund created in section ~~25-20.5-706~~
22 25-1.5-506, C.R.S., ~~shall receive~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

23 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-1-119, **repeal**
24 (6.3); and **add** (12) as follows:

25 **24-1-119. Department of public health and environment -**
26 **creation.** (6.3) ~~The prevention services division shall include the primary~~
27 ~~care office, created by part 6 of article 20.5 of title 25, C.R.S. The~~

1 ~~primary care office and its powers, duties, and functions are transferred~~
2 ~~by a **type 2** transfer to the department of public health and environment~~
3 ~~and allocated to the prevention services division as a section thereof.~~

4 (12) THE PRIMARY CARE OFFICE, CREATED BY PART 4 OF ARTICLE
5 1.5 OF TITLE 25, C.R.S., SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND PERFORM ITS
6 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS IF IT WERE TRANSFERRED BY A **TYPE 2**
7 TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

8 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-110.5, **amend**
9 (1) and (3) (a) as follows:

10 **24-34-110.5. Health care work force data collection - notice of**
11 **funding through gifts, grants, and donations - repeal.** (1) On or before
12 July 1, 2013, the director of the division of ~~registrations~~ PROFESSIONS AND
13 OCCUPATIONS shall implement a system to collect health care work force
14 data from health care professionals who are eligible for the Colorado
15 health service corps pursuant to part 7 5 of article ~~20.5~~ 1.5 of title 25,
16 C.R.S., from practical and professional nurses licensed pursuant to article
17 38 of title 12, C.R.S., and from pharmacists who are licensed pursuant to
18 article 22 of title 12, C.R.S., collectively referred to in this section as
19 "health care professionals". Each health care professional shall submit the
20 data as part of the initial licensure process and upon the renewal of his or
21 her license. No executive department or board is responsible for verifying
22 the data or disciplining a health care professional for noncompliance with
23 this section.

24 (3) (a) The director of the primary care office created in section
25 ~~25-20.5-603~~ 25-1.5-403, C.R.S., shall designate an advisory group
26 composed of a representative of the department of regulatory agencies as
27 determined by the executive director, the director of the division of

1 ~~registrations~~ PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS in the department of
2 regulatory agencies, or his or her designee, representatives of the affected
3 health care professions, and individuals with expertise in health care work
4 force research, analysis, and planning to be convened by a nonprofit
5 statewide membership organization that provides programs and services
6 to enhance rural health care in Colorado. The members of the advisory
7 group shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for actual or
8 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The
9 advisory group shall recommend the structure of the data elements in
10 subsection (2) of this section. The advisory group shall consider, but is
11 not limited to using, the division of ~~registration's~~ PROFESSIONS AND
12 OCCUPATIONS' existing data fields as a possible structure for the data
13 elements recommended in this section. The director of the division of
14 ~~registrations~~ PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS has final approval authority
15 regarding the structure of the data elements.

16 **SECTION 7. Repeal of relocated provisions.** In Colorado
17 Revised Statutes, **repeal** parts 6 and 7 of article 20.5 of title 25.

18 **SECTION 8. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
21 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a
22 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
23 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
24 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
25 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
26 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.