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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
102 PLAN.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill directs the Tony Grampas youth services board to convene, subject to available funding, a group of interested parties to create a statewide youth development plan and a baseline measurement of youth activities, based on available data and resources.

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.*

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares that in 2011 alone:

4 (a) Fifteen and a half percent of high school students in Colorado  
5 carried a weapon to school in the previous thirty days;

6 (b) There were more than thirty-four thousand juvenile arrests in  
7 Colorado;

8 (c) Four hundred thirty-one juveniles were arrested for weapons  
9 violations, and more than thirty-five hundred juveniles were arrested for  
10 drug violations;

11 (d) Nearly twenty-five percent of high school students in Colorado  
12 were involved in fights during the previous year; and

13 (e) Sixty-seven thousand young people in Colorado ages eighteen  
14 to twenty-four were unemployed, not attending school, and had no degree  
15 beyond a high school diploma.

16 (2) The general assembly also finds that the Tony Grampsas youth  
17 services program was established in 1994 to provide statewide funding  
18 for community-based programs that target youth and their families for  
19 intervention services in an effort to reduce incidents of youth crime and  
20 violence. Further, the Tony Grampsas youth services program was  
21 established to promote prevention and education programs that are  
22 designed to reduce the occurrence and reoccurrence of child abuse and  
23 neglect and to reduce the need for state intervention in those cases.

24 (3) Therefore, the general assembly declares that it is in the best  
25 interests of the people of Colorado to develop a comprehensive state plan  
26 for youth development in order to quantify existing and needed services

1 and to align existing limited resources to help promote positive youth  
2 development.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-20.5-202, **add** (6)  
4 as follows:

5 **25-20.5-202. Tony Grampsas youth services board - members**  
6 **- duties - youth development plan - creation - definitions.**

7 (6) (a) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING, THE BOARD SHALL CONVENE A  
8 GROUP OF INTERESTED PARTIES TO CREATE A COLORADO STATE YOUTH  
9 DEVELOPMENT PLAN, REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (6) AS THE  
10 "PLAN". THE GOALS OF THE PLAN ARE TO IDENTIFY KEY ISSUES AFFECTING  
11 YOUTH AND ALIGN STRATEGIC EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE OUTCOMES  
12 FOR ALL YOUTH. THE PLAN MUST:

13 (I) IDENTIFY INITIATIVES AND STRATEGIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND  
14 GAPS IN COVERAGE THAT IMPACT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES;

15 (II) IDENTIFY SERVICES, FUNDING, AND PARTNERSHIPS NECESSARY  
16 TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH HAVE THE MEANS AND THE SOCIAL AND  
17 EMOTIONAL SKILLS TO SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD;

18 (III) DETERMINE WHAT IS NECESSARY IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY  
19 INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE YOUTH SUCCEED;

20 (IV) DEVELOP AN OUTLINE OF YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS  
21 BASED ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOGRAPHICS, CURRENT SERVICES AND  
22 CAPACITY, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT;

23 (V) IDENTIFY SUCCESSFUL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES  
24 NATIONALLY AND IN COLORADO THAT COULD BE REPLICATED BY  
25 COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND ENTITIES ACROSS THE STATE; AND

26 (VI) CREATE A SHARED VISION FOR HOW A STRONG YOUTH  
27 DEVELOPMENT NETWORK WOULD BE SHAPED AND MEASURED.

1 (b) THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE A BASELINE MEASUREMENT OF  
2 YOUTH ACTIVITIES, DEVELOPED USING AVAILABLE DATA AND RESOURCES.  
3 DATA AND RESOURCES MAY BE COLLECTED FROM, BUT NEED NOT BE  
4 LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

5 (I) AN EXISTING YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM  
6 THAT MONITORS HEALTH-RISK BEHAVIORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
7 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AND DISABILITY AMONG YOUTH, INCLUDING:

8 (A) BEHAVIORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES  
9 AND VIOLENCE;

10 (B) SEXUAL BEHAVIORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO UNINTENDED  
11 PREGNANCY AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, INCLUDING HIV;

12 (C) ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE;

13 (D) TOBACCO USE;

14 (E) UNHEALTHY DIETARY BEHAVIORS; AND

15 (F) INADEQUATE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY;

16 (II) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

17 (III) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TO ASSESS  
18 WORKFORCE READINESS AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AS YOUTH  
19 TRANSITION THROUGH THE SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
20 SYSTEMS;

21 (IV) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
22 ENVIRONMENT;

23 (V) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND  
24 FINANCING; AND

25 (VI) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

26 (c) THE BOARD SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY COSTS  
27 ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN AND IS NOT REQUIRED

1 TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION (6) UNTIL ADEQUATE FUNDING IS  
2 SECURED.

3 (d) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (6), UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
4 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

5 (I) "ENTITY" MEANS ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, STATE PUBLIC OR  
6 NONSECTARIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOLS, GROUP OF  
7 PUBLIC OR NONSECTARIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR  
8 GROUP OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, STATE  
9 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD,  
10 STATE AGENCY, STATE-OPERATED PROGRAM, PRIVATE NONPROFIT  
11 ORGANIZATION, OR NONPROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.

12 (II) "YOUTH" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST NINE YEARS OF AGE  
13 AND NO MORE THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

14 (III) "YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT IS  
15 COMMUNITY-BASED AND:

16 (A) PROMOTES INNOVATIVE AND EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES  
17 FOR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND FOR REDUCING THE OCCURRENCE  
18 AND REOCCURRENCE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT; OR

19 (B) PROMOTES INNOVATIVE PRIMARY PREVENTION AND  
20 INTERVENTION SERVICES TO YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES IN AN EFFORT TO  
21 DECREASE HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO YOUTH  
22 CRIME AND VIOLENCE; OR

23 (C) PROMOTES INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO AT-RISK STUDENTS  
24 AND THEIR FAMILIES IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE DROPOUT RATE IN  
25 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

26 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
27 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
2 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a  
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.