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**SENATE BILL 14-015**

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**Kerr,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**Senate Committees**

Education  
Appropriations

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A HOSPITALITY CAREER GRANT**  
102 **PROGRAM.**

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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 creates the hospitality career secondary education grant program (grant program). Hospitality education programs that operate at the secondary education level (hospitality programs) may apply for a grant from the grant program. The department of labor and employment (department) administers the grant program. The hospitality secondary

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.

education fund is created to fund the grant program. The department is directed to provide an annual report on the activities of the grant program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 2 to article  
3 46.3 of title 24 as follows:

4 PART 2

5 HOSPITALITY CAREER SECONDARY EDUCATION

6 GRANT PROGRAM

7 **24-46.3-201. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE HOSPITALITY  
9 INDUSTRY:

- 10 (a) PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN COLORADO'S ECONOMY;
- 11 (b) IS DIVERSE, WITH EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE;
- 12 (c) EMPLOYS MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND  
13 PEOPLE IN COLORADO;
- 14 (d) PRODUCES MORE THAN TEN BILLION DOLLARS IN ANNUAL  
15 SALES IN COLORADO;
- 16 (e) CREATES SALES THAT GENERATE MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED  
17 MILLION DOLLARS IN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES ANNUALLY; AND
- 18 (f) IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF COLORADO'S ECONOMY.

19 (2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES  
20 THAT DEVELOPING A HOSPITALITY CAREER SECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT  
21 PROGRAM FOR COLORADO CITIZENS WILL:

- 22 (a) INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COLORADO CITIZENS ACCESSING  
23 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION;
- 24 (b) INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COLORADO CITIZENS COMPLETING  
25 DEGREES AND OTHER CREDENTIALS;

1 (c) DECREASE THE NEED FOR REMEDIATION AT THE  
2 POSTSECONDARY LEVEL;

3 (d) INCREASE ENTRY INTO EMPLOYMENT AND INCREASE WAGES  
4 OVER TIME; AND

5 (e) CREATE BETTER TRANSITIONS IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR  
6 STUDENTS IN THE HOSPITALITY CAREER PATHWAY FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO  
7 COLLEGE.

8 **24-46.3-202. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2, UNLESS THE  
9 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

10 (1) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
11 EMPLOYMENT CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-121, C.R.S.

12 (2) "FUND" MEANS THE HOSPITALITY CAREER SECONDARY  
13 EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-204.

14 (3) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE HOSPITALITY CAREER  
15 SECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
16 24-46.3-203.

17 (4) "HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY" MEANS COLORADO RESTAURANTS,  
18 HOTELS, AND ATTRACTIONS.

19 (5) "HOSPITALITY PROGRAM" MEANS A HOSPITALITY SECONDARY  
20 EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT, AT A MINIMUM:

21 (a) INCLUDES A CURRICULUM THAT TEACHES CAREER- AND  
22 COLLEGE-READINESS SKILLS THAT ARE PERTINENT TO THE HOSPITALITY  
23 INDUSTRY;

24 (b) OFFERS SECONDARY-LEVEL STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
25 WORK IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY AND EARN WAGES WHILE IN THE  
26 PROGRAM;

27 (c) OFFERS HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY-VALIDATED CERTIFICATES OF

1 COMPLETION;

2 (d) IS APPROVED BY THE OFFICE IN THE COLORADO COMMUNITY  
3 COLLEGE SYSTEM THAT ADMINISTERS HIGH SCHOOL CAREER AND  
4 TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR USE IN COLORADO HIGH SCHOOLS;

5 (e) HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED IN AT LEAST ONE COLORADO HIGH  
6 SCHOOL FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS;

7 (f) IS ENDORSED AND SUPPORTED BY AT LEAST ONE COLORADO  
8 AND ONE NATIONAL HOSPITALITY TRADE ASSOCIATION; AND

9 (g) UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION, WILL RESULT IN THE ISSUANCE  
10 OF A CERTIFICATE TO THE STUDENT THAT ARTICULATES CREDITS FOR  
11 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

12 **24-46.3-203. Hospitality career secondary education grant**

13 **program - established.** (1) THERE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT  
14 THE HOSPITALITY CAREER SECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM. THE  
15 PURPOSE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IS TO ACCELERATE GROWTH AND  
16 IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOSPITALITY PROGRAMS.  
17 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH  
18 THE ACCEPTANCE AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED PURSUANT  
19 TO THIS SECTION AND THE AWARDING OF GRANTS. THE DEPARTMENT  
20 SHALL DEVELOP APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISH DEADLINES FOR  
21 THE GRANT PROGRAM.

22 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD THE FIRST GRANTS OF THE  
23 GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR, SO LONG AS MONEYS  
24 ARE APPROPRIATED TO THE CASH FUND CREATED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF  
25 THE GRANT PROGRAM. GRANTS MUST BE AWARDED ANNUALLY  
26 THEREAFTER, BASED ON AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS.

27 (3) A HOSPITALITY PROGRAM MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE

1 GRANT PROGRAM BASED ON THE GUIDELINES AND DEADLINES  
2 ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

3 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT, A HOSPITALITY PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE,  
4 AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ITS APPLICATION:

5 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE GRANT WILL BE USED;

6 (b) A DESCRIPTION OF THE HOSPITALITY PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE  
7 NUMBER OF YEARS IT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION AND THE HIGH SCHOOLS IN  
8 WHICH IT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED;

9 (c) A NONDUPLICATIVE, CLEARLY ARTICULATED COURSE  
10 PROGRESSION FROM ONE LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION TO THE NEXT;

11 (d) A DESCRIPTION OF THE AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
12 STUDENTS TO EARN POSTSECONDARY CREDIT;

13 (e) VERIFICATION OF INDUSTRY-VALIDATED CREDENTIALS;

14 (f) DEMONSTRATION OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH HOSPITALITY  
15 INDUSTRY MEMBERS WHERE STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN  
16 INCOME; AND

17 (g) VERIFICATION THAT THE HOSPITALITY PROGRAM ALIGNS WITH  
18 ESTABLISHED COLORADO ACADEMIC STANDARDS.

19 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISPERSE ALL OF THE MONEYS  
20 APPROPRIATED IN A GIVEN YEAR TO THE FUND TO APPLICANTS THAT ARE  
21 APPROVED FOR A HOSPITALITY SECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT.

22 **24-46.3-204. Hospitality career secondary education fund -**  
23 **creation.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE  
24 HOSPITALITY SECONDARY EDUCATION FUND, CONSISTING OF ANY MONEYS  
25 THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
26 THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY  
27 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DIRECT AND

1 INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING THIS PART 2. THE  
2 STATE TREASURER MAY INVEST ANY MONEYS IN THE FUND NOT EXPENDED  
3 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS PART 2 AS PROVIDED BY LAW. THE STATE  
4 TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE  
5 INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND TO THE FUND.

6 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND UP TO TWO PERCENT OF THE  
7 MONEYS ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND TO OFFSET THE COSTS  
8 INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PART 2.

9 (3) ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING  
10 IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR REMAIN IN THE FUND AND  
11 SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR  
12 ANOTHER FUND.

13 **24-46.3-205. Reporting.** ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2016, AND  
14 ON OR BEFORE EACH DECEMBER 15 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
15 PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE GRANT PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES,  
16 BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE NUMBER AND AMOUNTS OF GRANTS  
17 AWARDED, A LIST OF HOSPITALITY PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVED GRANTS,  
18 AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS IMPACTED THROUGH HOSPITALITY  
19 PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVED GRANTS FOR THE GRANT CYCLE MOST  
20 RECENTLY COMPLETED. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE  
21 REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS, LABOR, ECONOMIC, AND  
22 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
23 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE BUSINESS, LABOR, AND TECHNOLOGY  
24 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

25 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.