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also SENATOR(S) Dyer (Arapahoe), Windels, Fitz-Gerald, Hanna, Hernandez, Pascoe, and Tupa.

CONCERNING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3.3 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:

PART 8
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL
LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

23-3.3-801. Early childhood professional loan repayment program - established - fund - qualifications. (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY INSTRUCTS THE COMMISSION TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statute; dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTATION BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2001, IN WHICH THE STATE AGREES TO PAY ALL OR PART OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE EDUCATIONAL LOANS OF EACH QUALIFIED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL WHO HAS SECURED A POSITION IN A CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSED PURSUANT TO THE "CHILD CARE LICENSING ACT", PART 1 OF ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 26, C.R.S. REPAYMENT OF LOANS THROUGH THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM MAY BE MADE USING CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND MONEYS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIFICALLY FOR SAID PROGRAM, AND SHALL NOT BE MADE USING GENERAL FUND MONEYS.

(2) TO QUALIFY FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM, A PERSON SHALL:

(a) GRADUATE WITH AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 2001, FROM AN APPROVED COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM OF PREPARATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION; AND

(b) SECURE A POSITION AT A CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSED PURSUANT TO THE "CHILD CARE LICENSING ACT".

(3) A PERSON WHO QUALIFIES UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING, NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS:

(a) UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN LOAN REPAYMENT AT THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR OF WORKING IN A POSITION IN A LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITY IN COLORADO; AND

(b) UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN LOAN REPAYMENT AT THE END OF THE SECOND YEAR OF WORKING IN A POSITION IN A LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITY IN COLORADO.

23-3.3-802. Report. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2002, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, WELFARE, AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE THAT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE NUMBER OF

PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM AND THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS APPLIED TOWARD LOAN REPAYMENT. IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSION SHALL EVALUATE AND INCLUDE IN THE REPORT BY JULY 1, 2003, WHETHER IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS.

23-3.3-803. Repeal. (1) THIS PART 8 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE THE EARLIER OF:

(a) JULY 1, 2007; OR

(b) JULY 1 IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH EITHER:

(I) THE STATE FAILS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND MONEYS; OR

(II) THE PORTION OF FEDERAL CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND MONEYS USED TO FUND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM BECOME SUBJECT TO A STATE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.

(2) THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL NOTIFY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES WHEN THE FEDERAL FUNDS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE OR BECOME SUBJECT TO A STATE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated to the department of human services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, the sum of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act. Said sum shall be from federal child care development funds.

(2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated to the department of higher education, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, the sum of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act. Said sum shall be from cash funds exempt received from the department of human services out of the appropriation made in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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