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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PROMOTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 102 OPPORTUNITIES IN COLORADO'S NUCLEAR SECTOR.

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://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill creates the Colorado nuclear workforce development and education program (program) in the department of higher education (department) to help meet growing workforce demand in the nuclear energy sector. The bill establishes a related grant program to provide grants to institutions of higher education for the development or expansion of nuclear engineering degree or certificate programs or course

offerings. The Colorado nuclear workforce development and education council shall advise and assist the department regarding the grant program's implementation and evaluation.

The department may seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, and donations for program-related purposes. The state treasurer shall credit the gifts, grants, and donations to the Colorado workforce development and education cash fund (cash fund). The general assembly shall not appropriate general fund dollars to implement or maintain program operations or grant awards. The department shall begin awarding grants only after the balance of the cash fund reaches or exceeds \$500,000.

The bill imposes requirements to report to the general assembly about the program's implementation and use of funds. The bill repeals the program, effective September 1, 2032, unless the program is extended pursuant to a sunset review.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly 3 finds and declares that: 4 (a) Nuclear energy is a critical component of Colorado's clean 5 energy strategy and economic development, offering consistent, reliable 6 and noncarbon power generation to support grid stability and emissions 7 reduction goals; 8 (b) A highly skilled workforce is essential for the deployment and 9 operation of advanced nuclear technologies, small modular reactors, and 10 commercial fusion systems. Workforce readiness in engineering, radiation 11 safety, fusion energy operations, and reactor technology is necessary to 12 support Colorado's energy transition. 13 (c) The Colorado nuclear workforce development and education 14 council will harness private investment, federal funding, and strategic 15 partnerships to make the state a leader in nuclear energy workforce 16 development. Through grants to eligible institutions of higher education 17 and related technical assistance, the council will expand educational

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1	pathways to careers in the nuclear energy sector.
2	(d) The Colorado school of mines' expertise in energy resource
3	management, workforce development, and federal grant facilitation
4	uniquely positions it to house the Colorado nuclear workforce
5	development and education council; and
6	(e) By developing and expanding existing state higher education
7	infrastructure, including degree and certificate programs and technical
8	training, and by leveraging public and private sector collaboration, the
9	council will help Colorado expand workforce readiness in the nuclear
10	energy sector without new state appropriations, supporting long-term
11	economic growth and clean energy innovation.
12	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 3 to article
13	41 of title 23 as follows:
14	PART 3
15	COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND
16	EDUCATION COUNCIL
17	23-41-301. Definitions. As used in this part 3, unless the
18	CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
19	(1) "CASH FUND" MEANS THE COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE
20	DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION
21	<u>23-41-306.</u>
22	(2) "COAL TRANSITION COMMUNITY" MEANS A COAL TRANSITION
23	COMMUNITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-83-502.
24	(3) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE
25	DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 23-41-302
26	(4) "Eligible institution" means a state institution of
27	HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102 (10)(a); A LOCAL

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1	DISTRICT COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-/1-102; OR AN AREA
2	TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-60-103.
3	(5) "Grant program" means the Colorado nuclear
4	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED
5	<u>IN SECTION 23-41-304.</u>
6	(6) "Third-party entity" means an entity that has entered
7	INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE STAFFING OR
8	OPERATIONAL SERVICES TO THE COUNCIL OR TO HELP IMPLEMENT THIS
9	PART 3, INCLUDING THE GRANT PROGRAM.
10	23-41-302. Colorado nuclear workforce development and
11	education council - created. (1) The Colorado nuclear workforce
12	DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COUNCIL IS CREATED IN THE COLORADO
13	SCHOOL OF MINES. THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO MEET GROWING
14	WORKFORCE DEMAND IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR BY:
15	(a) Providing grants to eligible institutions for the
16	DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION OF DEGREE PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATE
17	PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUAL COURSES, OR MODULAR TRAINING FOCUSED ON
18	NUCLEAR ENERGY, INCLUDING FUSION AND FISSION, THROUGH THE
19	COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION GRANT
20	PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 23-41-304; AND
21	(b) Providing eligible institutions related technical
22	ASSISTANCE.
23	(2) The council is only required to implement sections
24	23-41-303, 23-41-304, AND 23-41-305 IF, PURSUANT TO SECTION
25	23-41-307, SECTIONS 23-41-303, 23-41-304, AND 23-41-305 BECOME
26	EFFECTIVE.
27	(3) THE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING PROVIDING TECHNICAL

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1	ASSISTANCE, ANY CONTRACTED WORK PERFORMED BY A THIRD-PARTY
2	ENTITY, THE GRANT PROGRAM, AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, MUST BE
3	FUNDED ENTIRELY BY GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. GIFTS, GRANTS.
4	AND DONATIONS MUST FUND THE COUNCIL'S WORK THROUGHOUT THE
5	COURSE OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK, AND GENERAL FUND MONEY SHALL NOT
6	BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PART 3.
7	(4) THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL OR ANY OTHER ENTITY PURSUANT
8	TO THIS PART 3 IS CONTINGENT ON MONEY BEING AVAILABLE TO
9	IMPLEMENT THIS PART 3. IF MONEY IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE COUNCIL
10	OR ANY OTHER ENTITY TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES REQUIRED BY THIS PART
11	3, THE COUNCIL OR ENTITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES
12	A CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY OR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION MUST
13	PROVIDE THAT THE CONTRACT IS CONTINGENT ON FUNDS BEING
14	AVAILABLE FOR THE SPECIFIED PURPOSE AND THE FUNDS BEING AVAILABLE
15	FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACT.
16	(5) (a) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF ELEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY
17	THE DESIGNATED APPOINTING OFFICIALS AS FOLLOWS:
18	(I) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF
19	THE COUNCIL:
20	(A) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE
21	COMPANY IN THE NUCLEAR OR CLEAN ENERGY SECTOR;
22	(B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A COAL
23	TRANSITION COMMUNITY OR RURAL AREA OF THE STATE; AND
24	(C) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST OR ENGINEER
25	FROM A FEDERAL LABORATORY; AND
26	(II) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
27	SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE

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1	MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL EACH
2	APPOINT:
3	(A) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE
4	COMPANY IN THE NUCLEAR OR CLEAN ENERGY SECTOR; AND
5	(B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LABOR
6	ORGANIZATION, A REPRESENTATIVE OF A SMALL OR MID-SIZED NUCLEAR
7	SUPPLY CHAIN BUSINESS, AN ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY EXPERT, OR A
8	WORKFORCE TRAINING PROFESSIONAL.
9	(b) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL MUST NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL OR
10	OTHER CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT WOULD PREVENT THE MEMBER FROM
11	IMPARTIALLY REVIEWING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM
12	OR THAT WOULD OTHERWISE GIVE RISE TO AN APPEARANCE OF
13	IMPROPRIETY. A MEMBER MUST NOT HAVE A PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION
14	WITH AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.
15	(c) The appointing officials shall make the initial
16	APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE
17	EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION BUT NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2026.
18	(d) THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS FOUR YEARS; EXCEPT THAT THE
19	TERM OF EACH MEMBER INITIALLY APPOINTED IS TWO YEARS.
20	23-41-303. Colorado nuclear workforce development and
21	education council - meetings - duties - authority to contract.
22	(1) (a) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG THE COUNCIL'S
23	MEMBERS TO SERVE FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED TWO YEARS, AS
24	DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL.
25	(b) The chair of the council shall convene the first
26	MEETING OF THE COUNCIL NO LATER THAN FORTY-TWO DAYS AFTER THE
27	EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL

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1	MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY. THE CHAIR MAY CALL ADDITIONAL MEETINGS
2	AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE COUNCIL TO COMPLETE ITS DUTIES.
3	(2) Members of the council serve without compensation
4	BUT ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND
5	NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MEMBERS'
6	<u>DUTIES ON THE COUNCIL.</u>
7	(3) WITH STAFFING AND OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM A
8	THIRD-PARTY ENTITY, THE COUNCIL SHALL:
9	(a) Convene, at a frequency to be determined by the
10	COUNCIL, ADVISORY SESSIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE NUCLEAR,
11	EDUCATIONAL, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTORS TO ASSESS AND
12	ADOPT STRATEGIES TO RESPOND TO EVOLVING WORKFORCE DEMANDS AND
13	OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR; AND
14	(b) IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM, INCLUDING:
15	(I) REVIEWING AND APPROVING GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND
16	PROCEDURES TO ENSURE GRANTS ARE AWARDED THROUGH AN OPEN,
17	COMPETITIVE PROCESS USING NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES;
18	(II) REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FROM ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS;
19	(III) SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS AND DETERMINING GRANT
20	AWARD AMOUNTS;
21	(IV) Providing eligible institutions technical assistance;
22	<u>AND</u>
23	(V) EVALUATING THE GRANT PROGRAM.
24	(4) The council may promote nuclear energy education
25	AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AMONG ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS TO ENHANCE
26	THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS' ABILITY TO ATTRACT FEDERAL AND PRIVATE
2.7	SECTOR FUNDING FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY EDUCATION TRAINING AND

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1	RELATED RESEARCH.
2	(5) THE COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES
3	AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART 3.
4	(6) The council shall contract with one or more
5	THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES TO PROVIDE STAFFING AND OPERATIONAL
6	ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNCIL OR TO HELP IMPLEMENT OTHER PROVISIONS
7	OF THIS PART 3.
8	(7) THE COUNCIL MUST USE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS TO
9	DESIGNATE AND CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY FOR THE
10	PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3. A DESIGNATED THIRD-PARTY ENTITY MAY
11	PROVIDE IN-KIND STAFF SUPPORT OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST
12	THE COUNCIL IN PERFORMING THE COUNCIL'S DUTIES AND
13	RESPONSIBILITIES. THIRD-PARTY ENTITY PERSONNEL ARE NOT EMPLOYEES
14	OF THE COUNCIL OR THE STATE.
15	(8) THE COUNCIL MAY USE UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE MONEY IN
16	THE CASH FUND TO PAY DIRECT AND INDIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.
17	23-41-304. Colorado nuclear workforce development and
18	education grant program - created - application - criteria - awards.
19	(1) THE COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND
20	EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF
21	MINES TO MEET GROWING WORKFORCE DEMAND IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY
22	SECTOR BY PROVIDING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE
23	DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY DEGREE PROGRAMS.
24	CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUAL COURSES, OR MODULAR TRAINING.
25	(2) PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-41-307, THE COUNCIL SHALL BEGIN
26	AWARDING GRANTS ONLY AFTER THE BALANCE OF THE COLORADO
2.7	NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION CASH FUND

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1	REACHES OR EXCEEDS FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE COUNCIL
2	SHALL EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL FUNDING,
3	INCLUDING FEDERAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MATCHING GRANTS.
4	(3) GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH
5	THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE DESIGN OF COURSES OR DEGREE
6	PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, OR TRAINING PROGRAMS FOCUSED
7	ON NUCLEAR ENERGY, INCLUDING FUSION AND FISSION; FOR PERSONNEL;
8	OR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OR FACILITY EXPENSES NECESSARY TO DEVELOP
9	OR EXPAND NUCLEAR ENERGY DEGREE, CERTIFICATE, TRAINING, OR
10	COURSE OFFERINGS.
11	(4) THE COUNCIL, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM AND IN COORDINATION
12	WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
13	PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-41-307, SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT
14	PROGRAM AND SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART 3.
15	GRANTS MUST BE PAID OUT OF THE CASH FUND.
16	(5) TO RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION MUST SUBMIT
17	AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES AND
18	PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-41-303 (5).
19	(6) (a) The council shall review the applications received
20	PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. IN SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS, THE
21	COUNCIL SHALL PRIORITIZE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN PROVIDE A
22	TRAINED WORKFORCE EXPEDITIOUSLY. IN ADDITION TO OTHER RELEVANT
23	FACTORS, THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WHEN
24	AWARDING GRANTS:
25	(I) THE DISTRIBUTION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY DEGREE PROGRAMS,
26	CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUAL COURSES, AND MODULAR TRAINING
27	OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED ACROSS THE STATE, INCLUDING PROGRAMS,

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1	COURSES, AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO NUCLEAR FUSION
2	AND FISSION;
3	(II) THE NEED FOR A NUCLEAR ENERGY WORKFORCE IN THE
4	SURROUNDING COMMUNITY OR REGION OF THE STATE; AND
5	(III) THE PROJECTED STUDENT INTEREST IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY
6	DEGREE PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUAL COURSES, AND
7	MODULAR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AT COMPETING INSTITUTIONS.
8	(b) TO AWARD A GRANT, AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS
9	OF THE COUNCIL SHALL APPROVE THE GRANT.
10	23-41-305. Reporting requirements. (1) ON OR BEFORE THE
11	FIRST NOVEMBER 1 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, AND ON
12	OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL THE REPEAL OF
13	THIS PART 3, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF
14	REPRESENTATIVES ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE
15	OF REPRESENTATIVES EDUCATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE
16	TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE EDUCATION
17	COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. AT A MINIMUM, THE
18	REPORT MUST INCLUDE:
19	(a) A SUMMARY OF THE GRANT PROGRAM AND ITS
20	IMPLEMENTATION AND ANY RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
21	TO GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND
22	(b) An accounting of the source and amount of money
23	CREDITED TO THE CASH FUND AND HOW CASH FUND MONEY WAS USED
24	PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3, INCLUDING GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS TO
25	EXPAND OR SUPPORT NUCLEAR ENERGY DEGREE PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATE
26	PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUAL COURSES, AND MODULAR TRAINING
2.7	OPPORTLINITIES IN ORDER TO MEET GROWING WORK FORCE DEMAND IN THE

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1	NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR.
2	23-41-306. Colorado nuclear workforce development and
3	education cash fund - created. (1) THE COLORADO NUCLEAR
4	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION CASH FUND IS CREATED IN
5	THE STATE TREASURY. THE CASH FUND CONSISTS OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
6	DONATIONS CREDITED TO THE CASH FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)
7	OF THIS SECTION.
8	(2) THE COUNCIL MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS.
9	OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF
10	THIS PART 3. THE COUNCIL SHALL TRANSMIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED
11	THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO
12	SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE CASH FUND.
13	(3) The state treasurer shall credit all interest and
14	INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
15	CASH FUND TO THE CASH FUND.
16	(4) Money in the cash fund is continuously appropriated
17	TO THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FOR THE COLORADO NUCLEAR
18	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT THIS
19	<u>PART 3.</u>
20	(5) THE COUNCIL MAY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF IN-KIND SERVICES
21	FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3, INCLUDING FOR TECHNICAL
22	ASSISTANCE.
23	(6) The general assembly shall not appropriate general
24	FUND DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3.
25	23-41-307. Effective date - repeal of part - review of functions.
26	(1) SECTIONS 23-41-303, 23-41-304, AND 23-41-305 TAKE EFFECT IF THE
27	COUNCIL RECEIVES AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF

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1	GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3. 1 HE
2	PRESIDENT OF THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES SHALL NOTIFY THE
3	REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE CONDITION
4	SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) HAS OCCURRED BY EMAILING THE
5	NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV. SECTIONS 23-41-303,
6	23-41-304, AND 23-41-305 TAKE EFFECT UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN
7	THE NOTICE THAT THE COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED
8	THOUSAND DOLLARS OF GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES
9	OF THIS PART 3 OR, IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT DATE, UPON
10	THE DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.
11	(2) This part 3 is repealed, effective September 1, 2032.
12	BEFORE THE REPEAL, THIS PART 3 IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN
13	ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.
14	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, add
15	(33)(a)(X) as follows:
16	24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies
17	and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative
18	declaration - repeal. (33) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
19	are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2032:
20	(X) THE COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND
21	EDUCATION COUNCIL CREATED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 41 OF TITLE 23.
22	SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
23	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
24	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
25	that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
26	of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
27	act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

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- 1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
- November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 3 <u>official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.</u>

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