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SENATE BILL 25-120

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PROMOTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**
102 **OPPORTUNITIES IN COLORADO'S NUCLEAR SECTOR, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

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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

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 23-41-306.

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

1 DISTRICT COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-71-102; 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 IN SECTION 23-41-304.

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

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

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

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 DUTIES ON THE COUNCIL.

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 AND

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
27 SECTOR FUNDING FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND

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
27 NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION CASH FUND

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,

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
27 OPPORTUNITIES IN ORDER TO MEET GROWING WORKFORCE DEMAND IN THE

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) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY, THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM
18 THE CASH FUND FOR THE COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
19 AND EDUCATION COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT THIS PART 3.

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

1 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3. THE
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. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,
23 \$500,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use by
24 the trustees of the Colorado school of mines. This appropriation is from
25 the Colorado nuclear workforce development and education cash fund
26 created in section 23-41-306, C.R.S. To implement this act, the trustees
27 of the Colorado school of mines may use this appropriation to provide

1 grants to eligible institutions for the development or expansion of degree
2 programs, certificate programs, individual courses, or modular training
3 focused on nuclear energy, including fusion and fission, through the
4 Colorado nuclear workforce development and education grant program

5 **.SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
8 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
9 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
10 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.