First Regular Session Seventy-third General Assembly STATE OF COLORADO

ENGROSSED

This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted on Second Reading in the House of Introduction

LLS NO. 21-0486.03 Kristen Forrestal x4217

HOUSE BILL 21-1007

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Sullivan and Ortiz,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Danielson and Rodriguez,

House Committees

Senate Committees

Business Affairs & Labor Appropriations

101

102

103

A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE APPRENTICESHIP REGISTRATION PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, AND, IN 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 state apprenticeship agency (SAA) in the department of labor and employment (department) as a **type 1** agency. The executive director of the department is required to appoint a director of the SAA (director). The purpose of the SAA is to:

• Serve as the primary point of contact with the United States

HOUSE Amended 2nd Reading May 11, 2021

- department of labor's office of apprenticeship concerning apprentices and registered apprenticeship programs; and
- Oversee apprenticeship programs, including registration, required standards for registration, quality assurance, the promotion of apprenticeships, and the provision of technical assistance.

The director shall establish the state apprenticeship council (SAC) and an interagency advisory committee on apprenticeship (IAC). The governor and the director appoint the members of the SAC and the IAC. The SAC is charged with overseeing registered apprenticeship programs for the building and construction trades in this state and ensuring compliance with state and federal laws and standards. The IAC is charged with the same responsibilities for all other apprenticeships not in the building and construction trades.

The bill requires the SAA to accept applications for registration of apprenticeship programs beginning July 1, 2023. The SAA may deregister an apprenticeship program for noncompliance with the requirements in the bill. The SAA shall conduct a hearing upon request of the SAC or the IAC regarding issues of noncompliance and deregistration.

The director of the SAA is authorized to promulgate rules to implement the state apprenticeship registration program.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add article 15.7 to 2 3 title 8 as follows: 4 **ARTICLE 15.7** 5 **Apprenticeships** 6 **8-15.7-101. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 15.7, UNLESS 7 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES: 8 (1) "APPRENTICE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SIXTEEN YEARS 9 OF AGE OR OLDER, EXCEPT WHEN A HIGHER MINIMUM AGE STANDARD IS 10 OTHERWISE FIXED BY LAW, AND WHO IS EMPLOYED TO LEARN AN 11 APPRENTICEABLE OCCUPATION UNDER THE STANDARDS OF 12 APPRENTICESHIP ESTABLISHED BY THIS ARTICLE 15.7. "APPRENTICEABLE OCCUPATION" MEANS AN OCCUPATION 13

-2- 1007

1	SPECIFIED BY AN INDUSTRY THAT INVOLVES THE PROGRESSIVE
2	ATTAINMENT OF SKILLS, COMPETENCIES, AND KNOWLEDGE THAT ARE:
3	(a) Clearly identified and commonly recognized
4	THROUGHOUT THE RELEVANT INDUSTRY OR OCCUPATION;
5	(b) CUSTOMARILY LEARNED OR ENHANCED IN A PRACTICAL WAY
6	THROUGH A STRUCTURED, SYSTEMATIC PROGRAM OF ON-THE-JOB,
7	SUPERVISED LEARNING AND RELATED INSTRUCTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE
8	LEARNING; AND
9	(c) OFFERED THROUGH A TIME-BASED, COMPETENCY-BASED, OR
10	HYBRID MODEL THAT THE DIRECTOR HAS DETERMINED MEETS THE
11	REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE 15.7 AND 29 CFR 29 AND 30.
12	(3) "APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT" MEANS A WRITTEN
13	AGREEMENT BETWEEN AN APPRENTICE AND A SPONSOR.
14	(4) "APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT:
15	(a) IS ESTABLISHED BY A SPONSOR FOR TRAINING INDIVIDUALS FOR
16	ONE OR MORE APPRENTICEABLE OCCUPATIONS;
17	(b) COMBINES ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND RELATED INSTRUCTION
18	ACCORDING TO THE SPECIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED BY FEDERAL LAW AND
19	THIS ARTICLE 15.7.
20	(5) "CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION" MEANS A CERTIFICATE
21	AWARDED TO AN APPRENTICE IN RECOGNITION OF THE SUCCESSFUL
22	COMPLETION OF AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.
23	(6) "CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION" MEANS A DOCUMENT ISSUED
24	BY THE SAA TO A SPONSOR THAT INDICATES THAT THE SPONSOR'S
25	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IS REGISTERED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
26	15.7.
27	(7) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND

-3-

1	EMPLOYMENT.
2	(8) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE SAA.
3	(9) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
4	THE DEPARTMENT.
5	(10) "INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON APPRENTICESHIP"
6	OR "IAC" MEANS THE INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
7	APPRENTICESHIP CREATED IN SECTION 8-15.7-104.
8	(11) QUALIFIED INTERMEDIARY" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT
9	DEMONSTRATES EXPERTISE IN CONNECTING EMPLOYERS OR
10	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TO REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
11	PROGRAMS OR IN CONVENING STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP REGISTERED
12	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND SERVES EMPLOYERS AND
13	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY:
14	(a) CONNECTING EMPLOYERS TO PROGRAMS UNDER THE NATIONAL
15	APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM;
16	(b) Assisting in the design and implementation of
17	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, INCLUDING CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND
18	DELIVERY FOR RELATED INSTRUCTION;
19	(c) SUPPORTING ENTITIES, SPONSORS, OR APPRENTICESHIP
20	PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS IN MEETING AND REPORTING THE
21	REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE 15.7;
22	(d) PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS
23	TRAINING TO MENTORS;
24	(e) SUPPORTING THE RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND
25	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM COMPLETION OF POTENTIAL APPRENTICESHIP
26	PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING NONTRADITIONAL PARTICIPANTS AND
27	APPRENTICESHIP POPULATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH BARRIERS TO

-4- 1007

1	EMPLOYMENT;
2	(f) DEVELOPING AND PROVIDING PERSONALIZED APPRENTICESHIP
3	PROGRAM PARTICIPANT SUPPORTS, INCLUDING PARTNERING WITH
4	ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO OR REFERRALS FOR SUPPORTIVE
5	SERVICES AND FINANCIAL ADVISING;
6	(g) PROVIDING SERVICES, RESOURCES, AND SUPPORTS FOR THE
7	DEVELOPMENT, DELIVERY, EXPANSION, OR IMPROVEMENT OF
8	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS UNDER THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP
9	SYSTEM; OR
10	(h) SERVING AS AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR
11	(12) "QUALITY ASSURANCE ASSESSMENT" MEANS A
12	COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE SAA REGARDING ALL
13	ASPECTS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM'S PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING
14	DETERMINING WHETHER:
15	(a) The apprentices are receiving on-the-job training
16	CONSISTENT WITH THE SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN THE REGISTERED
17	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM STANDARDS;
18	(b) SCHEDULED WAGE INCREASES ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE
19	REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM STANDARDS;
20	(c) RELATED INSTRUCTION THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE
21	CURRICULUM AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS IS COMPLIANT WITH FEDERAL AND
22	STATE STANDARDS; AND
23	(d) THE SAA IS RECEIVING NOTIFICATION OF ALL NEW
24	APPRENTICES IN A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, APPRENTICES
25	WHO LEAVE A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, AND APPRENTICES
26	WHO COMPLETE A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.
27	(13) "REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" MEANS AN

-5- 1007

1	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT IS REGISTERED BY THE SAA PURSUANT
2	TO THIS ARTICLE 15.7.
3	(14) "REGISTRATION OF AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" OR
4	"REGISTRATION OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS" MEANS THE
5	REGISTRATION BY THE SAA OF AN APPRENTICE PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE
6	BASIC STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS
7	ARTICLE 15.7 FOR PURPOSES OF MEETING FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS, AS
8	EVIDENCED BY A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.
9	(15) "Sponsor" means an employer, a joint
10	LABOR-MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION, A TRADE ASSOCIATION, A
11	PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, A LABOR ORGANIZATION, AN EDUCATION
12	AND TRAINING PROVIDER, OR A QUALIFIED INTERMEDIARY THAT IS
13	APPLYING TO REGISTER AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.
14	(16) "STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY" OR "SAA" MEANS THE
15	STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY CREATED IN SECTION 8-15.7-102.
16	(17) "STATE APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL" OR "SAC" MEANS THE
17	STATE APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 8-15.7-103.
18	8-15.7-102. State apprenticeship agency - created - director -
19	powers and duties - rules. (1) There is hereby created in the
20	DEPARTMENT THE STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY. THE EXECUTIVE
21	DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF THE SAA. THE SAA SHALL:
22	(a) SERVE AS THE PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE UNITED
23	STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP;
24	(b) ACCELERATE NEW APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM GROWTH ON A
25	GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE BASIS, ESPECIALLY IN HIGH-DEMAND
26	OCCUPATIONS, WHILE ENSURING QUALITY STANDARDS;
27	(c) Encourage the development of and assist in the

-6- 1007

1	ESTABLISHMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND PROMOTE
2	ENROLLMENT IN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS BY PROVIDING TECHNICAL
3	AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE TO SPONSORS, APPRENTICES, AND
4	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND ENSURING PROGRAM COMPLIANCE WITH
5	APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS;
6	(d) REGISTER AND OVERSEE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND
7	APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENTS;
8	(e) ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION TO EXISTING
9	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS;
10	(f) Issue certificates of registration to sponsors of
11	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS;
12	(g) DETERMINE REQUIRED STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION OF AN
13	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM;
14	(h) PERFORM QUALITY ASSURANCE ASSESSMENTS;
15	(i) APPROVE THE APPROPRIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN
16	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM;
17	(j) Maintain adequate records concerning registration
18	REQUIREMENTS, APPROVED PROGRAM STANDARDS, THE APPRENTICES IN
19	EACH REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, DEREGISTRATION ACTIONS,
20	COMPLIANCE REVIEWS AND INVESTIGATIONS, AND ANY OTHER MATTERS
21	STIPULATED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S OFFICE OF
22	APPRENTICESHIP THAT ARE PERTINENT TO COMPLIANCE BY
23	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE
24	15.7;
25	(k) Monitor and evaluate apprenticeship programs'
26	PERFORMANCE AND COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE STANDARDS
27	AND REPORT TO THE SAC AND THE IAC ON THE OUTCOME OF QUALITY

-7- 1007

1	ASSURANCE ASSESSMENTS;
2	(1) COMPLETE DEREGISTRATION OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS
3	THAT DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE 15.7;
4	(m) REVIEW APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF
5	REGISTRATION;
6	(n) Submit an equal employment opportunity in
7	APPRENTICESHIP STATE PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
8	LABOR'S OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP;
9	
10	(o) CREATE A POLICY OF RECIPROCITY WITH OTHER STATES TO
11	ENSURE THE REGISTRATION OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS;
12	(p) AWARD CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION AND MONITOR
13	APPRENTICES WITH ACTIVE STATUS, APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETIONS, AND
14	THE ONGOING OPERATION OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS;
15	AND
16	(q) Provide administrative support to the SAC and the IAC
17	IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES.
18	(2) THE SAA SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND PERFORM ITS
19	DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT AS IF IT WERE
20	TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A TYPE 1 TRANSFER, AS DESCRIBED
21	IN SECTION 24-1-105.
22	(3) THE SAA MUST FOLLOW ALL GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS ISSUED
23	BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S OFFICE OF
24	APPRENTICESHIP.
25	(4) THE DIRECTOR MAY PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY TO
26	IMPLEMENT THIS ARTICLE 15.7, INCLUDING RULES AFFECTING THE
27	REGISTRATION, PERFORMANCE, AND LEGAL COMPLIANCE OF

-8- 1007

1	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.
2	8-15.7-103. State apprenticeship council - created - members
3	- powers and duties. (1) The director shall establish the state
4	APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL TO OVERSEE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
5	PROGRAMS FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES IN THE STATE.
6	(2) (a) THE SAC CONSISTS OF SIXTEEN MEMBERS APPOINTED AS
7	FOLLOWS:
8	(I) THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT TEN VOTING MEMBERS FAMILIAR
9	WITH APPRENTICEABLE OCCUPATIONS AS FOLLOWS:
10	(A) FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS,
11	ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION, ONE
12	OF WHOM REPRESENTS AN EMPLOYER INVOLVED WITH AN APPRENTICESHIP
13	PROGRAM TARGETING POPULATIONS WITH BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT,
14	AND ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL
15	AND SPECIALTY COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS THAT IS
16	KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS;
17	(B) Four representatives from employee organizations,
18	ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION; AND
19	(C) Two representatives of the public; and
20	(II) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT SIX NONVOTING, EX OFFICIO
21	MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE SAC AND THE IAC AS FOLLOWS:
22	(A) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT;
23	(B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
24	PROGRAMS;
25	(C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE WITH EXPERIENCE IN ECONOMIC
26	DEVELOPMENT;
27	(D) ONE DEDDESENTATIVE OF TRAINING PROVIDERS:

-9- 1007

1	(E) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE WORK FORCE
2	DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-101; AND
3	(F) ONE MEMBER WHO IS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING EQUAL
4	OPPORTUNITY IN APPRENTICESHIP.
5	(b)(I)Ofthemembersappointedbythedirector, theinitial
6	TERM OF OFFICE OF THREE MEMBERS FROM EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS,
7	TWO MEMBERS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS, AND ONE
8	REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC IS THREE YEARS, AND THE INITIAL TERM
9	OF OFFICE OF THE REMAINING FOUR MEMBERS IS FOUR YEARS.
10	THEREAFTER, THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR
11	ARE FOUR YEARS.
12	(II) OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE INITIAL
13	TERM OF OFFICE OF THE THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO
14	SUBSECTIONS $(2)(a)(II)(A)$, $(2)(a)(II)(B)$, and $(2)(a)(II)(C)$ of this
15	SECTION IS THREE YEARS AND THE INITIAL TERM OF OFFICE OF THE THREE
16	MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2)(a)(II)(D),
17	(2)(a)(II)(E), and $(2)(a)(II)(F)$ of this section is four years.
18	THEREAFTER, THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR
19	ARE FOUR YEARS.
20	(c) THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER OF THE SAC TO
21	SERVE AS THE CHAIR FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. A CHAIR MAY BE
22	APPOINTED TO SERVE NO MORE THAN TWO FULL TERMS.
23	(d) If a member fails to complete the member's term, the
24	APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO COMPLETE
25	THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM.
26	(e) MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION FOR THEIR
27	SERVICE; EXCEPT THAT MEMBERS MAY RECEIVE A PER DIEM AS

-10-

1	ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND
2	OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR
3	OFFICIAL DUTIES.
4	(f) THE SAC:
5	(I) SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY AND AT THE REQUEST OF
6	THE DIRECTOR AS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SAC;
7	(II) SHALL PROVIDE TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE OF ALL MEETINGS TO
8	THE DEPARTMENT;
9	(III) MAY DETERMINE ITS OWN PROCEDURAL RULES; AND
10	(IV) IS SUBJECT TO ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24.
11	(g) NO MEMBER OF THE SAC MAY RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION
12	FROM AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.
13	(3) FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES, THE SAC
14	SHALL:
15	(a) REGISTER WITH AND MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF THE
16	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP AND
17	DEVELOP MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION OF APPRENTICESHIP
18	PROGRAMS;
19	(b) RESOLVE CONFLICTS AND COMPLAINTS THAT ARISE BETWEEN
20	PARTIES TO AN APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT WHEN A CONFLICT EXISTS,
21	AFTER THE CONFLICT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED BY LOCAL ENTITIES CHARGED
22	WITH THIS FUNCTION UNDER THE RELEVANT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
23	STANDARDS AND THE SAA;
24	(c) REVIEW PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND MAKE
25	FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISIONS ON ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BASED ON
26	EACH REVIEW;
27	(d) RECOMMEND ADDITIONS AND CHANGES CONCERNING RULES

-11- 1007

1	ABOUT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS TO THE DIRECTOR;
2	(e) Provide technical and professional guidance for
3	IDENTIFYING AND PROMOTING BEST PRACTICES IN REGISTERED
4	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS;
5	(f) DEVELOP ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES THAT ENSURE THE SAFETY
6	AND QUALITY OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND ADDRESS,
7	AS WARRANTED, THE RELATED NEEDS OF COLORADO'S BUSINESSES, THE
8	LABOR WORKFORCE, AND COMMUNITIES;
9	(g) Provide an annual report to the executive director
10	WITH APPRENTICESHIP DATA DISAGGREGATED BY AGE OF POPULATION,
11	RACE, GENDER, VETERAN STATUS, DISABILITY, AND INDUSTRY;
12	(h) ADVISE THE SAA REGARDING EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF
13	THE SAC'S ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS; AND
14	(i) FORMULATE POLICIES FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
15	TRADES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS
16	ARTICLE 15.7.
17	
18	8-15.7-104. Interagency advisory committee on apprenticeship
19	- created - members - powers and duties. (1) THE DIRECTOR SHALL
20	ESTABLISH THE INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON APPRENTICESHIP
21	TO OVERSEE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT WITHIN THE
22	JURISDICTION OF THE SAC.
23	(2) (a) THE IAC CONSISTS OF FOURTEEN MEMBERS APPOINTED AS
24	FOLLOWS:
25	(I) THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT EIGHT VOTING MEMBERS WHO
26	REPRESENT, AND ARE REGULARLY EVALUATED TO ENSURE THAT THE
27	REPRESENTATION ALIGNS WITH, HIGH-DEMAND JOBS, AS STATED IN THE

-12- 1007

1	ANNUAL COLORADO TALENT REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTION
2	24-46.3-103 (3), AS FOLLOWS:
3	(A) THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS THAT
4	ARE NOT WITHIN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES; AT LEAST
5	ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS AN EMPLOYER INVOLVED WITH A PROGRAM
6	EXPLICITLY TARGETING POPULATIONS WITH BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT,
7	INCLUDING WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, EX-OFFENDERS, AND PERSONS WITH
8	DISABILITIES; ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS YOUTH WITH BARRIERS TO
9	EMPLOYMENT; AND ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH;
10	(B) THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS
11	THAT ARE NOT WITHIN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES;
12	(C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A QUALIFIED INTERMEDIARY; AND
13	(D) ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.
14	(II) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE SIX NONVOTING, EX
15	OFFICIO MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-15.7-103 (2)(a)(II)
16	TO THE IAC.
17	(b)(I)Ofthemembersappointedbythedirector, theinitial
18	TERM OF OFFICE OF ONE EMPLOYER MEMBER, ONE EMPLOYEE MEMBER,
19	AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC IS THREE YEARS AND THE
20	INITIAL TERM OF OFFICE OF THE REMAINING FIVE MEMBERS IS FOUR YEARS.
21	THEREAFTER, THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS ARE FOUR YEARS.
22	(II) THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE NONVOTING, EX OFFICIO
23	MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS
24	SECTION ARE THE SAME AS THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THOSE MEMBERS AS
25	SPECIFIED IN SECTION 8-15.7-103 (2)(b)(II).
26	(III) THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER OF THE IAC TO
27	SERVE AS THE CHAIR FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. A CHAIR MAY BE

-13-

1	APPOINTED TO SERVE NO MORE THAN TWO FULL TERMS.
2	(c) If a member fails to complete the member's term, the
3	APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO COMPLETE
4	THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM.
5	(d) Members shall serve without compensation for their
6	SERVICE; EXCEPT THAT MEMBERS MAY RECEIVE A PER DIEM AS
7	ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND
8	OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR
9	OFFICIAL DUTIES.
10	(e) THE IAC:
11	(I) SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY AND AT THE REQUEST OF
12	THE DIRECTOR AS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE IAC;
13	(II) SHALL PROVIDE TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE OF ALL MEETINGS TO
14	THE DEPARTMENT;
15	(III) MAY DETERMINE ITS OWN PROCEDURAL RULES; AND
16	(IV) IS SUBJECT TO ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24.
17	(f) NO MEMBER OF THE IAC MAY RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION
18	FROM AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.
19	(3) FOR ALL APPRENTICESHIPS THAT ARE NOT WITHIN THE
20	BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND NOT UNDER THE JURISDICTION
21	OF THE SAC, THE IAC SHALL:
22	(a) REGISTER WITH AND MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF THE
23	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP AND
24	DEVELOP MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION OF APPRENTICESHIP
25	PROGRAMS;
26	(b) RESOLVE CONFLICTS AND COMPLAINTS THAT ARISE BETWEEN
27	PARTIES TO AN APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT WHEN A CONFLICT EXISTS,

-14- 1007

1	AFTER THE CONFLICT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED BY LOCAL ENTITIES CHARGED
2	WITH THIS FUNCTION UNDER THE RELEVANT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
3	STANDARDS AND THE SAA;
4	(c) REVIEW PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND MAKE
5	FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISIONS ON ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BASED ON
6	EACH REVIEW;
7	(d) RECOMMEND ADDITIONS AND CHANGES CONCERNING RULES
8	ABOUT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS TO THE DIRECTOR;
9	(e) PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE FOR
10	IDENTIFYING AND PROMOTING BEST PRACTICES IN REGISTERED
11	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS;
12	(f) DEVELOP ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES THAT ENSURE THE SAFETY
13	AND QUALITY OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND ADDRESS,
14	AS WARRANTED, THE RELATED NEEDS OF COLORADO'S BUSINESSES, THE
15	LABOR WORKFORCE, AND COMMUNITIES;
16	(g) PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
17	WITH APPRENTICESHIP DATA DISAGGREGATED BY AGE OF POPULATION,
18	RACE, GENDER, VETERAN STATUS, DISABILITY, AND INDUSTRY;
19	(h) Advise the SAA regarding effective performance of
20	THE IAC'S ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS; AND
21	(i) FORMULATE POLICIES FOR THE INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE IAC'S
22	JURISDICTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF
23	THIS ARTICLE 15.7.
24	18-15.7-105. Joint resolution committee of the SAC and IAC-
25	created - members powers - duties. (1) The Chairs of the SAC and
26	THE IAC SHALL ESTABLISH AN AD HOC JOINT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE OF
27	THE SAC AND IAC, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "AD HOC

-15- 1007

1	COMMITTEE". THE AD HOC COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF TWO MEMBERS FROM
2	BOTH THE IAC AND THE SAC APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR. THE AD HOC
3	COMMITTEE SHALL RESOLVE CONFLICTS THAT ARISE BETWEEN THE SAC
4	AND THE \overline{IAC} AND SHALL DEFINE THE JURISDICTION OF THE \overline{SAC} AND THE
5	IAC.
6	(2) THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE SAC AND THE IAC SHALL:
7	(a) PUBLISH A STATEMENT DEFINING THE SAC'S JURISDICTION OF
8	THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES, AND UPDATE THE STATEMENT
9	PERIODICALLY AS NECESSARY AS DETERMINED BY THE AD HOC
10	COMMITTEE; AND
11	(b) RESOLVE CONFLICTS AND COMPLAINTS THAT ARISE BETWEEN
12	THE SAC AND THE IAC AS DETERMINED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.
13	(3) IF THERE IS A TIE AMONG THE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN
14	DETERMINING A RESOLUTION TO A CONFLICT, THE DIRECTOR SHALL BREAK
15	THE TIE. A DECISION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IS FINAL.
16	(4) THE SAC HAS JURISDICTION OVER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS
17	FOR OCCUPATIONS IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES. FOR
18	PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, OCCUPATIONS ARE IN THE BUILDING AND
19	CONSTRUCTION TRADES IF EITHER:
20	(a) Workers in the occupation perform construction,
21	RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, ALTERATION, DEMOLITION, PAINTING,
22	REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE WORK FOR ROADS, HIGHWAYS, BUILDINGS,
23	STRUCTURES, INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, OR IMPROVEMENTS OF ANY TYPE; OR
24	(b) APPRENTICES IN THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WILL BE
25	EMPLOYED BY LICENSED CONTRACTORS.
26	
27	8-15.7-106. Application for registration of apprenticeship

-16- 1007

1	programs - diversity initiatives - deregistration - rules. (1) ON AND
2	AFTER JULY 1, 2023, THE SAA SHALL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR THE
3	REGISTRATION OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO 29 CFR 29
4	AND 30.
5	(2) EACH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT REGISTERS WITH THE
6	SAA SHALL ADOPT A WRITTEN DIVERSITY RECRUITMENT PLAN THAT
7	ENSURES EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN THE RECRUITMENT, SELECTION,
8	EMPLOYMENT, AND TRAINING OF APPRENTICES. THE RECRUITMENT PLAN
9	MUST INCLUDE THE ADOPTION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING
10	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT UNDER 29 CFR 29 AND 30. THE SAA SHALL ENSURE
11	COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL REGULATIONS BY FILING THE EQUAL
12	EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN APPRENTICESHIP STATE PLAN PURSUANT TO
13	SECTION 8-15.7-102 (1)(n).
14	(3) (a) THE SAA MAY DEREGISTER AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
15	AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR OR, AFTER A HEARING PURSUANT TO
16	SECTION 8-15.7-107, FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 15.7
17	PURSUANT TO CONDITIONS AND RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE SAA.
18	(b) ANY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM DEREGISTERED FOR
19	NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 15.7 OR ANY RULES PROMULGATED
20	PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 15.7 MAY PRESENT EVIDENCE TO THE SAA
21	THAT THE PROGRAM IS COMPLIANT. THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM'S
22	REGISTRATION MAY BE REINSTATED:
23	(I) NO EARLIER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE
24	DEREGISTRATION ORDER;
25	(II) IF THE SAA DETERMINES THAT THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
26	HAS AN ACCEPTABLE SET OF STANDARDS AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL
27	REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS UNDER THIS

-17- 1007

1	ARTICLE 15.7; AND
2	(III) IF THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IS PREPARED TO
3	IMMEDIATELY ENROLL ONE OR MORE APPRENTICES.
4	(4) Upon request to the SAA, a sponsor may reverse a
5	VOLUNTARY DEREGISTRATION WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER ITS EFFECTIVE
6	DATE IF ON THAT DATE THE SAA HAD NO CURRENT GROUNDS TO INITIATE
7	INVOLUNTARY DEREGISTRATION PROCEEDINGS.
8	8-15.7-107. Hearings. (1) Upon request of a hearing by the
9	SAC OR THE IAC, THE SAA SHALL CONDUCT HEARINGS FOR THE PURPOSE
10	OF RESOLVING COMPLIANCE ISSUES OR DEREGISTRATION ISSUES WITH A
11	REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER
12	RECEIVING A REQUEST FOR A HEARING, THE SAA SHALL DESIGNATE A
13	HEARING OFFICER TO CONDUCT THE HEARING. THE HEARING OFFICER
14	SHALL GIVE REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE HEARING BY REGISTERED OR
15	CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, TO THE SPONSOR OF THE
16	REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE
17	HEARING. THE NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
18	(a) A TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARING;
19	(b) A STATEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS WITH WHICH THE
20	REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IS ALLEGED NOT TO COMPLY; AND
21	(c) A CONCISE STATEMENT OF ALLEGED INSTANCES OF
22	NONCOMPLIANCE BASED ON WHICH THE HEARING WAS REQUESTED.
23	(2) The hearing officer shall conduct the hearing in
24	ACCORDANCE WITH THE "STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT",
25	ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24. EACH PARTY HAS THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND A
26	FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE CASE, INCLUDING
27	CROSS-EXAMINATION AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

-18- 1007

1	THE HEARING OFFICER SHALL:
2	(a) DEVELOP FINDINGS AND A RECOMMENDED DECISION ON THE
3	BASIS OF THE RECORD OF THE HEARING AND ANY RECORDS AVAILABLE TO
4	THE PARTIES AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING; AND
5	(b) PRESENT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDED DECISION TO THE
6	PARTIES AND TO THE SAA WITHIN THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE
7	CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING. THE SAA SHALL MAKE A DETERMINATION
8	BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE HEARING OFFICER WHETHER TO CONTINUE
9	THE REGISTRATION OF THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, TO DEREGISTER
10	THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, OR TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON THE
11	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IN ORDER TO CONTINUE REGISTRATION OF THE
12	PROGRAM. THE DETERMINATION OF THE SAA IS A FINAL AGENCY ACTION
13	THAT IS SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4-106.
14	8-15.7-108. Rules. (1) THE DIRECTOR MAY PROMULGATE RULES
15	TO IMPLEMENT THIS ARTICLE 15.7, INCLUDING RULES THAT ADDRESS:
16	(a) THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPRENTICESHIP
17	PROGRAMS TO BE REGISTERED BY THE SAA;
18	(b) The requirements for a person or entity to be a
19	SPONSOR;
20	(c) The conditions and proceedings for curing
21	NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 15.7 AND FOR THE DEREGISTRATION
22	OF A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM; AND
23	(d) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS NOT UNDER THE
24	JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
25	COMMISSION, INCLUDING COMPLAINTS CONCERNING APPRENTICES NOT
26	MOVING THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IN A TIMELY MANNER
27	AND INSUFFICIENT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OR CLASSROOM TIME.

-19-

1	8-15.7-109. Repeal of article. This article 15.7 is repealed,
2	EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2029. BEFORE THE REPEAL, THE FUNCTIONS OF
3	THE DIRECTOR ARE SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH
4	SECTION 24-34-104.
5	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-1-121, add (3)(k)
6	as follows:
7	24-1-121. Department of labor and employment - creation.
8	(3) The department of labor and employment consists of the following
9	divisions and programs:
10	(k) The state apprenticeship agency created in section
11	8-15.7-102, WHICH SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND PERFORM THE
12	DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS SPECIFIED BY ARTICLE 15.7 OF TITLE 8 UNDER THE
13	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
14	OF THE DEPARTMENT AS IF THE SAME WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE
15	DEPARTMENT BY A TYPE 1 TRANSFER.
16	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, add
17	(30)(a)(VII) as follows:
18	24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies
19	and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative
20	declaration - repeal. (30) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
21	are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2029:
22	(VII) THE STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY CREATED IN ARTICLE
23	15.7 OF TITLE 8.
24	SECTION 4. Appropriation. (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal
25	year, \$485,249 is appropriated to the department of labor and
26	employment. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement
27	this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

-20-

1	(a) \$321,579 for use by the state apprenticeship agency for
2	program costs, which amount is based on an assumption that the agency
3	will require an additional 3.1 FTE;
4	(b) \$85,072 for the purchase of legal services; and
5	(c) \$78,598 for the purchase of information technology services.
6	(2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$85,072 is appropriated to
7	the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
8	received from the department of labor and employment under subsection
9	(1)(b) of this section and is based on an assumption that the department
10	of law will require an additional 0.4 FTE. To implement this act, the
11	department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for
12	the department of labor and employment.
13	(3) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$78,598 is appropriated to
14	the office of the governor for use by the office of information technology.
15	This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the
16	department of labor and employment under subsection (1)(c) of this
17	section and is based on an assumption that the office will require an
18	additional 0.1 FTE. To implement this act, the office may use this
19	appropriation to provide information technology services for the
20	department of labor and employment.
21	SECTION 5. Effective date. This act takes effect July 1, 2021.
22	SECTION 6. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
23	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24	preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

-21- 1007