

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 11, 2023
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB23-1258 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 7, strike "AUGUST 31, 2023." and
2 substitute "JANUARY 15, 2024."

- 3 Page 4, line 1, strike "SEPTEMBER 15, 2023," and substitute "MARCH 1,
4 2024,".

- 5 Page 4, strike lines 9 and 10 and substitute:
6 "(b) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWO TIMES BETWEEN
7 MARCH 1, 2024, AND MAY 1, 2024."

- 8 Page 4, strike lines 24 to 27.

- 9 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 17 and substitute:
10 "(5)(a) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIDER THE STUDY CONDUCTED
11 PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-20-145 AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING HOW MONEY SAVED BY A REDUCTION IN
13 DRUG CRIMES OR SENTENCING FOR DRUG CRIMES COULD BE SPENT TO
14 REDUCE SUBSTANCE USE AND DEPENDENCE IN COLORADO."

- 15 Page 5, line 21, strike "JANUARY 30, 2024," and substitute "JUNE 1,
16 2024,".

- 17 Page 5, line 26, strike "JULY 1, 2024." and substitute "JANUARY 1, 2025."

- 18 Page 5, after line 26 insert:
19 "**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-20-145 as
20 follows:
21 **23-20-145. Actuarial cost study of the costs associated with**

1 **enforcement of drug laws and incarceration for drug crimes - repeal.**
2 (1) BEGINNING BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF
3 PUBLIC HEALTH SHALL CONDUCT AN ACTUARIAL COST STUDY EVALUATING
4 THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ENFORCEMENT OF DRUG LAWS AND
5 INCARCERATION IN THE STATE.
6 (2) THE ACTUARIAL COST STUDY MUST:
7 (a) CONSIDER AND DETERMINE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
8 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF DRUG
9 CRIMES;
10 (b) CONSIDER AND DETERMINE THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE
11 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO ADJUDICATE DRUG CRIMES AND TO SUPERVISE
12 DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF DRUG CRIMES;
13 (c) CONSIDER AND DETERMINE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
14 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONFINEMENT AND INCARCERATION OF
15 INDIVIDUALS ACCUSED OF AND CONVICTED OF DRUG CRIMES AND THE
16 STATE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PAROLE SUPERVISION FOR THOSE
17 CONVICTED OF DRUG CRIMES;
18 (d) DETERMINE THE TOTAL STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COSTS
19 ASSOCIATED WITH ENFORCEMENT OF DRUG LAWS; INVESTIGATION OF AND
20 PUNISHMENT FOR DRUG CRIMES, INCLUDING COSTS FOR TREATMENT
21 RECOVERY SERVICES, IF NEEDED, RELATED TO DRUG USE; AND
22 REHABILITATION OF THOSE CONVICTED OF DRUG CRIMES.
23 (3) THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH SHALL PROVIDE
24 THE ACTUARIAL COST STUDY TO THE EVALUATING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED
25 WITH ENFORCEMENT OF DRUG LAWS AND INCARCERATION FOR DRUG
26 CRIMES TASK FORCE CREATED IN SECTION 25-1.5-120 BY FEBRUARY 15,
27 2024.
28 (4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025."

29 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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