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SENATE BILL 23-018

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE COLORADO 911 RESOURCE
102 CENTER.

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/>.)

Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems. To provide ongoing funding for the Colorado 911 resource center, the state treasurer is required to issue a warrant, paid from the general fund, in the amount of \$250,000 to the Colorado 911 resource center on July 1, 2023, and on each July 1 thereafter.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-11-100.2, **add** (3)
3 as follows:

4 **29-11-100.2. Legislative declaration.** (3) THE GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

6 (a) THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION CREATED THE COLORADO
7 911 RESOURCE CENTER IN 2006 AS AN INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT ENTITY
8 TO PROVIDE CENTRALIZED GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL 911
9 EMERGENCY CALL SERVICE AUTHORITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING
10 POINTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

11 (b) THE COLORADO 911 RESOURCE CENTER SUPPORTS LOCAL 911
12 AUTHORITIES AND PROFESSIONALS IN KEEPING THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC
13 SAFETY RESPONDERS OF COLORADO SAFE BY CREATING A STATEWIDE
14 INFORMATION DATABASE AND CLEARINGHOUSE WHERE 911
15 PROFESSIONALS CAN LEARN ABOUT CURRENT ISSUES AND ABOUT HOW
16 DIFFERENT LOCAL 911 AUTHORITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING
17 POINTS PROVIDE 911 SERVICES AND WHERE 911 PROFESSIONALS CAN ALSO
18 ACCESS SAMPLE POLICIES AND ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS;

19 (c) THE COLORADO 911 RESOURCE CENTER HAS BEEN FUNDED
20 SINCE ITS INCEPTION FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A 2004 SETTLEMENT
21 AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION THAT
22 REQUIRED A TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY TO PROVIDE TWO MILLION
23 DOLLARS FOR THE CREATION AND OPERATION OF A NONPROFIT
24 ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS, BUT
25 THAT FUNDING IS RUNNING OUT AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER
26 STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23; AND

1 (d) THE COLORADO 911 RESOURCE CENTER PROVIDES A CRITICAL
2 PUBLIC SERVICE THAT BENEFITS ALL COLORADANS, AND IT IS NECESSARY,
3 APPROPRIATE, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL COLORADANS, AND IN
4 FURTHERANCE OF A PUBLIC PURPOSE TO PROVIDE ONGOING, ADEQUATE,
5 AND SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING TO THE COLORADO 911 RESOURCE
6 CENTER.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 29-11-108 as
8 follows:

9 **29-11-108. Colorado 911 resource center - ongoing funding -**
10 **definition.** (1) ON JULY 1, 2023, AND ON EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, THE
11 STATE TREASURER SHALL ISSUE A WARRANT, PAID FROM THE GENERAL
12 FUND, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO
13 THE COLORADO 911 RESOURCE CENTER.

14 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "COLORADO 911 RESOURCE CENTER"
15 MEANS THE COLORADO 911 RESOURCE CENTER CREATED BY THE
16 COMMISSION OR ITS SUCCESSOR ENTITY.

17 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.