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STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

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**HOUSE BILL 23-1270**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Garcia and Lindsay,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE URGENT INCIDENT RESPONSE**  
102 **FUND.**

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**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 urgent incident response fund (fund). Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the division of homeland security and emergency management in the department of public safety to reimburse state agencies and local governments for the costs of responding to urgent incidents that do not rise to the level of disasters or emergencies.

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

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-1623 as  
3 follows:

4           **24-33.5-1623. Urgent incident response fund - created -**  
5 **definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
6 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7           (a) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION.

8           (b) "DIVISION" MEANS THE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
9 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
10 CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1603.

11           (c) "FUND" MEANS THE URGENT INCIDENT RESPONSE FUND  
12 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

13           (d) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A CITY, COUNTY,  
14 MUNICIPALITY, CITY AND COUNTY, TRIBAL GOVERNMENT, OR ANY OTHER  
15 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE THAT IS NOT A STATE AGENCY.

16           (e) "STATE AGENCY" MEANS ANY DEPARTMENT, DIVISION,  
17 COMMISSION, COUNCIL, BOARD, BUREAU, COMMITTEE, OFFICE, AGENCY, OR  
18 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNIT OF THE STATE.

19           (2) THE URGENT INCIDENT RESPONSE FUND IS HEREBY CREATED IN  
20 THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF ANY MONEY THAT THE  
21 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND AND  
22 ANY MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS. THE  
23 DIRECTOR MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS  
24 FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.  
25 THE DIRECTOR SHALL TRANSMIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS,  
26 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT

1 THE MONEY TO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL  
2 INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF  
3 MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE FUND.

4 (3) MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE  
5 DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING STATE AGENCIES AND LOCAL  
6 GOVERNMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF RESPONDING TO URGENT INCIDENTS  
7 THAT DO NOT RISE TO THE LEVEL OF DISASTERS AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
8 24-33.5-703 (3) OR EMERGENCIES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-33.5-703  
9 (3.5). THE DIVISION SHALL NOT EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND:

10 (a) FOR ANY OF THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 24-33.5-702;

11 (b) TO REIMBURSE STATE AGENCIES OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR  
12 THE COSTS OF RESPONDING TO DISASTERS AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
13 24-33.5-703 (3) OR EMERGENCIES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-33.5-703  
14 (3.5); OR

15 (c) FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESPONDING TO A DISASTER EMERGENCY  
16 DECLARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-704.

17 **SECTION 2. 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.