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STATE OF COLORADO**

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

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SENATE BILL 23-235

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Zenzinger and Kirkmeyer, Bridges, Gonzales

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Bird and Bockenfeld, Sirota

Senate Committees
Appropriations

House Committees
Appropriations

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW TO USE**
102 **LITIGATION MANAGEMENT FUNDS FOR UNANTICIPATED STATE**
103 **LEGAL NEEDS.**

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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The bill permits the department of law (department) to use money appropriated to the department for litigation management to address unanticipated state legal needs. The department is prohibited from using that money for employee salary increases, promotions, reclassifications, or bonuses, or to offset personal services

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.*

HOUSE
2nd Reading Unamended
April 3, 2023

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
March 30, 2023

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
March 29, 2023

deficits in the department.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-31-108.5 as
3 follows:

4 **24-31-108.5. Use of funds for unanticipated legal needs.** THE
5 DEPARTMENT MAY USE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR
6 LITIGATION MANAGEMENT TO ADDRESS UNANTICIPATED STATE LEGAL
7 NEEDS THAT ARISE DURING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE
8 MONEY IS APPROPRIATED; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT USE
9 THE MONEY REALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR ANY
10 TYPE OF SALARY INCREASE, PROMOTION, RECLASSIFICATION, OR BONUS
11 RELATED TO ANY PRESENT OR FUTURE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, OR TO
12 OFFSET PRESENT OR FUTURE PERSONAL SERVICES DEFICITS IN ANY
13 DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT.

14 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.