

CHAPTER 97

GOVERNMENT - STATE

SENATE BILL 23-235

BY SENATOR(S) Zenzinger and Kirkmeyer, Bridges, Gonzales;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Bird and Bockenfeld, Sirota, Amabile, Joseph, Snyder, Weissman, McCluskie.

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

Approved: April 20, 2023

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