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SENATE BILL 25-188

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Coleman and Rodriguez,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

McCluskie and Duran,

Senate Committees
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATIVE**
102 **DEPARTMENT.**

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 makes appropriations for matters related to the legislative department for the 2025-26 state fiscal year.

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

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.

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
March 11, 2025

1 **SECTION 1. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal
2 year, \$75,025,541 is appropriated to the legislative department. This
3 appropriation consists of \$73,277,314 from the general fund, \$5,000 from
4 cash funds, and \$1,743,227 from reappropriated funds. The legislative
5 department may use this appropriation as follows:

6 (a) \$24,939,797 for use by the general assembly, which amount:

7 (I) Consists of \$24,934,797 from the general fund and \$5,000
8 from cash funds generated from the sale of bill boxes, legislative
9 directories, and publications and other services provided by the print
10 shop; and

11 (II) Is based on the assumption that the general assembly will have
12 173.4 FTE;

13 (b) \$14,078,903 for use by the office of the state auditor, which
14 amount:

15 (I) Consists of \$12,476,676 from the general fund and \$1,602,227
16 from reappropriated funds received from various departments for audits;
17 and

18 (II) Is based on the assumption that the office of the state auditor
19 will have 83.1 FTE;

20 (c) \$3,043,526 for use by the joint budget committee, which
21 amount is:

22 (I) From the general fund; and

23 (II) Based on the assumption that the joint budget committee will
24 have 20.3 FTE;

25 (d) \$17,449,053 for use by the legislative council, which amount:

26 (I) Consists of \$17,308,053 from the general fund and \$141,000
27 from reappropriated funds received from the general assembly pursuant

1 to section 24-70-203 (1)(a), C.R.S.; and

2 (II) Is based on the assumption that the legislative council will
3 have 108.9 FTE;

4 (e) \$10,907,250 for use by the committee on legal services, which
5 amount is:

6 (I) From the general fund; and

7 (II) Based on the assumption that the committee on legal services
8 will have 65.1 FTE; and

9 (f) \$4,607,012 from the general fund for the PERA Amortization
10 Equalization Disbursement and PERA Supplemental Amortization
11 Equalization Disbursement.

12 (2) The general assembly anticipates that, during the 2025-26 state
13 fiscal year, the tax levy on civil actions provided for in section 2-5-119,
14 C.R.S., will return approximately \$188,902 to the general fund to offset
15 expenses of the revision of statutes by the office of legislative legal
16 services. This figure is included for informational purposes only.

17 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,
18 \$5,000 is appropriated to the youth advisory council cash fund created in
19 section 2-2-1306, C.R.S. This appropriation is from the general fund. The
20 legislative department is responsible for the accounting related to this
21 appropriation.

22 **SECTION 3.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2024, section 1 of
23 chapter 493, (HB24-1347), **amend** (1)(d) as follows:

24 Section 1. **Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,
25 \$73,587,761 is appropriated to the legislative department. This
26 appropriation consists of \$71,784,409 from the general fund, \$90,000
27 from cash funds, and \$1,713,352 from reappropriated funds. The

1 legislative department may use this appropriation as follows:

2 (d) \$17,444,682 for use by the legislative council, which amount:

3 (I) Consists of \$17,303,682 from the general fund and \$141,000
4 from reappropriated funds received from the general assembly pursuant
5 to section 24-70-203 (1)(a), C.R.S.; and

6 (II) Is based on the assumption that the legislative council will
7 have 107.3 FTE; AND

8 (III) INCLUDES \$150,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND THAT, IF NOT
9 EXPENDED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2025, IS FURTHER APPROPRIATED TO THE
10 LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2025-26 STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR USE
11 BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR DOCUMENT REMEDIATION;

12 **SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-1601, add (2.7)**
13 **as follows:**

14 **2-2-1601. Legislative department cash fund - redistricting**
15 **accounts - creation - definition - repeal. (2.7) (a) ON JUNE 30, 2025,**
16 **THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE**
17 **LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT CASH FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.**

18 **(b) THIS SUBSECTION (2.7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.**

19 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
22 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
23 institutions.