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SENATE BILL 25-210

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Amabile and Kirkmeyer, Bridges

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Senate Committees

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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REPEALING THE FIVE-YEAR APPROPRIATION**
102 **REQUIREMENT FOR BILLS THAT RESULT IN A NET INCREASE IN**
103 **PERIODS OF INCARCERATION.**

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. Previously, the law required a bill that resulted in a net increase in periods of incarceration to include an appropriation to cover the increased cost of incarceration for 5 years after the bill went into effect. In 2022, the general assembly suspended the requirement for 3 years. The bill repeals the requirement permanently.

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.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 2-2-703 as
3 follows:

4 **2-2-703. General assembly - bills which result in a net increase**
5 **in periods of imprisonment in state correctional facilities - funding**
6 **must be provided in the bill.** ~~On and after July 1, 2025, a bill may not~~
7 ~~be passed by the general assembly which would result in a net increase in~~
8 ~~periods of imprisonment in state correctional facilities unless, in such bill,~~
9 ~~there is an appropriation of money which is sufficient to cover any~~
10 ~~increased capital construction costs, any increased operating costs, and~~
11 ~~increased parole costs which are the result of such bill for the department~~
12 ~~of corrections in each of the first five years following the effective date~~
13 ~~of the bill. Money sufficient to cover such increased capital construction~~
14 ~~costs and increased operating costs for the first five fiscal years following~~
15 ~~the effective date of the bill must be estimated by the appropriations~~
16 ~~committee, and after consideration of such estimate the general assembly~~
17 ~~shall make a determination as to the amount of money sufficient to cover~~
18 ~~the costs, and such money must be appropriated in the bill in the form of~~
19 ~~a statutory appropriation from the general fund in the years affected. Any~~
20 ~~such bill which is passed on or after July 1, 1991, which is silent as to~~
21 ~~whether it is intended to be an exception to this section, shall not be~~
22 ~~deemed to be such an exception. Any bill which is enacted which is~~
23 ~~intended to be an exception to this section must expressly state such~~
24 ~~exception in such bill.~~

25 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
2 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
3 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
4 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
5 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
6 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.