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HOUSE BILL 16-1221

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House Committees

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Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING USING SAVINGS FROM REDUCTIONS IN FUNDING FOR AN
102 EXECUTIVE STATE AGENCY'S SUBORDINATE ACTIVITIES TO
103 INCREASE MEDICAID PROVIDER RATES.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)

The bill requires the general assembly to separately appropriate money to a state agency in the executive branch for lobbying expenses and for costs associated with memberships to professional, subject matter, trade, or other organizations. For fiscal year 2016-17, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount the general assembly appropriates to a state agency

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

for:

- ! Lobbying expenses shall not exceed an amount equal to 50% of the amount that the state agency spent on lobbying expenses for the 2015-16 fiscal year; and
- ! Membership costs shall not exceed an amount equal to 50% of the amount that the state agency spent on membership costs for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

The general assembly is required to appropriate an amount equal to the savings from the cuts to the executive agencies for lobbying expenses and membership costs to the department of health care policy and financing to increase the provider rates paid under the "Colorado Medical Assistance Act".

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-75-114 as
3 follows:

4 **24-75-114. Appropriation limit - state agencies - lobbying**
5 **expenses - membership costs - appropriations for medicaid provider**
6 **rates - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

7 (a) "LOBBYING EXPENSES" MEANS AMOUNTS PAID FOR A
8 LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OR CONTRACT LOBBYIST OR ANY OTHER AMOUNTS
9 PAID THAT RELATE TO LOBBYING.

10 (b) "MEMBERSHIP COSTS" MEANS THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
11 MEMBERSHIPS TO PROFESSIONAL, SUBJECT MATTER, TRADE, OR OTHER
12 ORGANIZATIONS.

13 (c) "STATE AGENCY" MEANS EACH PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT WITHIN
14 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, EACH OFFICE OR AGENCY WITHIN THE
15 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND EACH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
16 EDUCATION.

17 (2) BEGINNING WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17, THE GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY SHALL USE A SEPARATE LINE ITEM TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO
19 A STATE AGENCY FOR LOBBYING EXPENSES AND ANOTHER LINE ITEM FOR

1 MEMBERSHIP COSTS. A STATE AGENCY SHALL NOT USE ANY OTHER
2 APPROPRIATION IT RECEIVES TO PAY FOR LOBBYING EXPENSES OR FOR
3 MEMBERSHIP COSTS.

4 (3) (a) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
5 THEREAFTER, THE AMOUNT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATES TO A
6 STATE AGENCY FOR LOBBYING EXPENSES SHALL NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT
7 EQUAL TO FIFTY PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT THAT THE STATE AGENCY SPENT
8 ON LOBBYING EXPENSES FOR THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR.

9 (b) IF A LEGISLATIVE LIAISON PERFORMS FUNCTIONS IN ADDITION
10 TO LOBBYING, THEN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)
11 PROPORTIONALLY APPLIES TO THE TIME THE LIAISON SPENDS LOBBYING.

12 (4) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
13 THEREAFTER, THE AMOUNT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATES TO A
14 STATE AGENCY FOR MEMBERSHIP COSTS SHALL NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT
15 EQUAL TO FIFTY PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT THAT THE STATE AGENCY SPENT
16 ON MEMBERSHIP COSTS FOR THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR.

17 (5) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
18 THEREAFTER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MAKE A GENERAL FUND
19 APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND
20 FINANCING TO INCREASE THE PROVIDER RATES PAID UNDER THE
21 "COLORADO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACT", ARTICLES 4 TO 6 OF TITLE 25.5,
22 C.R.S., THAT IS EQUAL TO THE AMOUNTS A STATE AGENCY SPENT ON
23 LOBBYING EXPENSES AND MEMBERSHIP COSTS FOR THE 2015-16 FISCAL
24 YEAR MINUS THE AMOUNT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATES FOR
25 THE FISCAL YEAR TO A STATE AGENCY FOR LOBBYING EXPENSES AND
26 MEMBERSHIP COSTS.

27 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.