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**HOUSE BILL 20-1262**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR**  
102                    **PERSONS TRANSITIONING FROM THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE**  
103                    **JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

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**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 housing assistance for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice system cash fund (cash fund), which is administered by the division of housing in the department of local affairs (division), currently includes reversions from unspent general fund appropriations to the division of criminal justice. The bill

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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repeals these reversions and replaces it with money that the division receives from the department of corrections or the department of human services from amounts the general assembly appropriated to those departments for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice system. The bill also adds explicit authority for the general assembly to appropriate this money to the departments of corrections and human services.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-27-108, **repeal**  
3 (7)(a) as follows:

4           **17-27-108. Division of criminal justice of the department of**  
5 **public safety - duties - community corrections contracts.**

6 ~~(7) (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for the fiscal year~~  
7 ~~commencing July 1, 2016, and for each fiscal year thereafter, any money~~  
8 ~~appropriated from the general fund to the division of criminal justice for~~  
9 ~~the purposes of this article 27 that is unexpended or unencumbered as of~~  
10 ~~the close of that fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund, and the~~  
11 ~~state treasurer and the controller shall transfer such money to the housing~~  
12 ~~assistance for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice~~  
13 ~~system cash fund created pursuant to section 24-32-721 (4)(d).~~

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16           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-721, **amend**  
17 (4)(d) as follows:

18           **24-32-721. Colorado affordable housing construction grants**  
19 **and loans - housing development grant fund - creation - housing**  
20 **assistance for persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance**  
21 **use disorders - cash fund - appropriation - report to general assembly**  
22 **- definition.** (4) (d) There is created in the state treasury the housing

1 assistance for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice  
2 system cash fund, referred to in this subsection (4) as the "cash fund". The  
3 cash fund consists of all money transferred to the fund pursuant to section  
4 ~~17-27-108 (7)~~ and all money that the general assembly appropriates to the  
5   cash fund. Subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly,  
6 the division may expend money in the cash fund for the purposes set forth  
7 in this subsection (4). All interest earned from the investment of money  
8 in the cash fund is credited to the cash fund. All money not expended at  
9 the end of the fiscal year remains in the cash fund, does not revert to the  
10 general fund or any other fund, and remains available for expenditure by  
11 the division in the next fiscal year for the purposes of this subsection (4)  
12 without further appropriation.

13 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.