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SENATE BILL 25-308

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES RELATED TO CERTAIN STATE MEDICAL**
102 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FEDERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, FUNDING SERVICES FROM SAVINGS**
104 **REALIZED FROM STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
105 **FEDERAL AUTHORIZATIONS AND MAKING AND REDUCING**
106 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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 department of health care policy

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and financing (state department) received federal authorization to provide coverage for health-related social needs and to provide reentry services to justice-involved individuals through the medicaid program. The federal authorization requires the savings of state money realized from the federal authorizations to be spent on similar services.

The bill creates 2 cash funds, one for health-related social needs and one for reentry services for justice-involved individuals. The bill requires the state treasurer to transfer the savings of state money realized from each federal authorization to the respective cash fund. Subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly, the state department may expend money from the funds to provide health-related social needs or reentry services to justice-involved individuals.

The bill requires the state department to develop a workforce to provide peer support services in order to comply with the terms of the federal authorization for health-related social needs.

The bill authorizes the state department, subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly, to spend money from the affordable housing support fund for services authorized by the federal authorization to provide coverage for health-related social needs.

The bill makes and reduces appropriations to the state department, the department of corrections, the department of human services, and the department of local affairs.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-5-340 as
3 follows:

4 **25.5-5-340. Health-related social needs reinvestment cash fund**
5 **- creation - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE
6 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (a) "FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION" MEANS THE AUTHORIZATION THE
8 STATE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR
9 MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR
10 HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS THROUGH THE STATE MEDICAL
11 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

12 (b) "FUND" MEANS THE HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS
13 REINVESTMENT CASH FUND CREATED IN THIS SECTION.

1 (2)(a) THE HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS REINVESTMENT CASH
2 FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY
3 TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS
4 SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY
5 APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.

6 (b) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-36-114 (1), THE STATE
7 TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE
8 DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

9 (3) BEGINNING JUNE 30, 2026, AND ON JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR
10 THEREAFTER, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FROM THE
11 GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND AN AMOUNT OF MONEY EQUAL TO THE
12 AMOUNT OF UNSPENT MONEY THAT REVERTED TO THE GENERAL FUND IN
13 THAT YEAR FROM THE APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE
14 STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS.

15 (4) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND
17 FOR SERVICES THAT SUPPORT HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS AND
18 RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE FEDERAL
19 AUTHORIZATION.

20 (5) ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2025, AND ON OR AFTER
21 NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL
22 PRESENT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE A RECOMMENDATION FOR
23 SPENDING MONEY IN THE FUND TO EXPAND AND ENHANCE SERVICES
24 AUTHORIZED BY THE FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION. WHEN DEVELOPING THE
25 RECOMMENDATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH STATE
26 AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH, AND
27 STAKEHOLDERS WHO REPRESENT THE MEMBERS RECEIVING SERVICES

1 INCLUDED IN, THE FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-339, **add** (11)
3 as follows:

4 **25.5-5-339. Coverage for services addressing health-related**
5 **social needs feasibility study - federal authorization - report - rules.**

6 (11) TO PROVIDE PEER SUPPORT SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
7 TERMS OF THE FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL
8 DEVELOP A WORKFORCE TO PROVIDE PEER SUPPORT SERVICES.

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-4-505.7 as
10 follows:

11 **25.5-4-505.7. Reentry services for justice-involved individuals**
12 **reinvestment cash fund - creation - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS
13 SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

14 (a) "FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION" MEANS THE AUTHORIZATION THE
15 STATE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR
16 MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO PROVIDE REENTRY SERVICES TO
17 JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE STATE MEDICAL
18 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

19 (b) "FUND" MEANS THE REENTRY SERVICES FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED
20 INDIVIDUALS REINVESTMENT CASH FUND CREATED IN THIS SECTION.

21 (2) THE REENTRY SERVICES FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS
22 REINVESTMENT CASH FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE
23 FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)
24 OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
25 MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
26 SECTION 24-36-114 (1), THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL
27 INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF

1 MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

2 (3) BEGINNING JUNE 30, 2026, AND ON JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR
3 THEREAFTER, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FROM THE
4 GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND AN AMOUNT OF MONEY EQUAL TO THE
5 AMOUNT OF UNSPENT MONEY THAT REVERTED TO THE GENERAL FUND IN
6 THAT YEAR FROM THE APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE
7 STATE DEPARTMENT FOR REENTRY SERVICES FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED
8 INDIVIDUALS.

9 (4) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND
11 FOR MEDICAID SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN,
12 ARE AT RISK OF BEING INCARCERATED IN, OR ARE BEING RELEASED FROM
13 A CARCERAL FACILITY, AND FOR RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, AS
14 AUTHORIZED THROUGH THE FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION.

15 (5) ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2025, AND ON OR AFTER
16 NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL
17 PRESENT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE A RECOMMENDATION FOR
18 SPENDING MONEY IN THE FUND TO EXPAND AND ENHANCE SERVICES
19 AUTHORIZED BY THE FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION WHEN DEVELOPING THE
20 RECOMMENDATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH STATE
21 AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH, AND
22 STAKEHOLDERS WHO REPRESENT THE MEMBERS RECEIVING SERVICES
23 INCLUDED IN, THE FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION.

24 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-402, **amend**
25 **(5)(jjj); and add (5)(lll) and (5)(mmm) as follows:**

26 **24-75-402. Cash funds - limit on uncommitted reserves -**
27 **reduction in the amount of fees - exclusions - definitions.**

1 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the
2 following cash funds are excluded from the limitations specified in this
3 section:

4 (jjj) The employee ownership cash fund created in section
5 39-22-542.5 (8); and

6 (lll) THE REENTRY SERVICES FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS
7 REINVESTMENT CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 25.5-4-505.7; AND

8 (mmm) THE HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS REINVESTMENT
9 CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 25.5-5-340.

10 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-32-103, **amend**
11 (1) as follows:

12 **29-32-103. Transfers of money - permitted uses of the fund -**

13 **continuous appropriation.** (1) (a) The affordable housing support fund
14 is hereby created in the state treasury. The support fund ~~shall consist~~
15 CONSISTS of money deposited into it under ~~subsection~~ SUBSECTIONS
16 (1)(b)(II) AND (3) of this section. The division of housing shall administer
17 the support fund and expend the money in the support fund only for the
18 purposes set forth in ~~sections~~ SECTION 29-32-104 (3)(a) and (3)(b). The
19 division of local government in the department of local affairs created in
20 section 24-32-103 shall expend the money in the support fund only for the
21 purposes set forth in section 29-32-104 (3)(c). EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE
22 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, all money not expended
23 or encumbered, and all interest earned on the investment or deposit of
24 money in the support fund, ~~shall remain~~ REMAINS in the support fund and
25 ~~shall~~ DOES not revert to the general fund or any other fund at the end of
26 any fiscal year. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)
27 OF THIS SECTION, all money transferred to the support fund pursuant to

1 subsection (3) of this section is continuously appropriated to the division
2 of housing for the purposes set forth in ~~sections~~ SECTION 29-32-104 (3)(a)
3 and (3)(b) and, to the extent allocated by the division of housing, to the
4 division of local government for the purposes set forth in section
5 29-32-104 (3)(c).

6 (b) (I) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING
8 MAY SPEND MONEY FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPORT FUND FOR
9 SERVICES THAT ARE:

10 (A) FOR HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS, AS DESCRIBED IN THE
11 FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND
12 FINANCING RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND
13 MEDICAID SERVICES TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL
14 NEEDS THROUGH THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND

15 (B) AN ALLOWABLE USE OF MONEY IN THE FUND AS DESCRIBED IN
16 SECTION 29-32-104 (3)(b).

17 (II) THE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
18 CARE POLICY AND FINANCING PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) IS AN
19 ALLOCATION FROM THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE
20 AMOUNT OF MONEY ALLOWED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS PURSUANT TO
21 SECTION 29-32-104 (3)(b).

22 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal
23 year, \$14,971,442 is appropriated to the department of health care policy
24 and financing. This appropriation consists of \$12,191,459 from the
25 general fund and \$2,779,983 from cash funds. To implement this act, the
26 department may use this appropriation as follows:

27 (a) \$140,886 cash funds, which consists of \$26,150 from the

1 reentry services for justice-involved individuals reinvestment cash fund
2 created in section 25.5-4-505.7 (2), C.R.S., and \$114,736 from the
3 health-related social needs reinvestment cash fund created in section
4 25.5-5-340 (2)(a), C.R.S., for personal services related to general
5 administration and is based on an assumption that the department will
6 require an additional 3.0 FTE;

7 (b) \$11,925 from cash funds, which consists of \$2,213 from the
8 reentry services for justice-involved individuals reinvestment cash fund
9 created in section 25.5-4-505.7 (2), C.R.S., and \$9,712 from the
10 health-related social needs reinvestment cash fund created in section
11 25.5-5-340 (2)(a), C.R.S., for operating expenses related to general
12 administration;

13 (c) \$2,218,592 from the affordable housing support fund created
14 in section 29-32-103 (1)(a), C.R.S., for medical and long-term care
15 services for medicaid-eligible individuals; and

16 (d) For use by transfers to other state department medicaid-funded
17 programs:

18 (I) \$277,040 from the reentry services for justice-involved
19 individuals reinvestment cash fund created in section 25.5-4-505.7 (2),
20 C.R.S., which is subject to the "(H)" notation as defined in the annual
21 general appropriation act for the same fiscal year, for administration
22 related to corrections;

23 (II) \$3,750,994 from the general fund, which is subject to the
24 "(M)" notation as defined in the annual general appropriation act for the
25 same fiscal year, for reentry services related to corrections;

26 (III) \$18,990 from cash funds, which is subject to the "(H)"
27 notation as defined in the annual general appropriation act for the same

1 fiscal year and consists of \$6,163 from the reentry services for
2 justice-involved individuals reinvestment cash fund created in section
3 25.5-4-505.7 (2), C.R.S., and \$12,827 from the health-related social needs
4 reinvestment cash fund created in section 25.5-5-340 (2)(a), C.R.S., for
5 the executive director's office related to human services;

6 (IV) \$761,549 from the general fund, which is subject to the
7 "(M)" notation as defined in the annual general appropriation act for the
8 same fiscal year, for health-related social needs related to the office of
9 children, youth, and families;

10 (V) \$56,235 from the general fund, which is subject to the "(M)"
11 notation as defined in the annual general appropriation act for the same
12 fiscal year, for reentry services related to the office of children, youth, and
13 families;

14 (VI) \$112,550 from cash funds from the health-related social
15 needs reinvestment cash fund created in section 25.5-5-340 (2)(a), C.R.S.,
16 which is subject to the "(H)" notation as defined in the annual general
17 appropriation act for the same fiscal year, for administration related to
18 local affairs; and

19 (VII) \$7,622,681 from the general fund, which is subject to the
20 "(M)" notation as defined in the annual general appropriation act for the
21 same fiscal year, for health-related social needs related to local affairs.

22 (2) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, the general assembly
23 anticipates that the department of health care policy and financing will
24 receive \$15,116,936 in federal funds. The appropriation in subsection (1)
25 of this section is based on the assumption that the department will receive
26 this amount of federal funds as follows:

27 **Executive director's office, general administration**

1	Personal services	\$140,886(I)
2	Operating expenses	\$11,925(I)
3	Medical services premiums	
4	Medical and long-term care services for medicaid-eligible	
5	individuals	\$6,102,194
6	Transfers to other state department medicaid-funded	
7	programs	
8	Corrections	
9	Administration	\$277,040
10	Reentry services	\$2,766,733
11	Human services	
12	Executive director's office	\$18,990
13	Office of children, youth, and families; health-related social needs	
14		\$380,774
15	Office of children, youth, and families; reentry services	\$28,117
16	Local affairs	
17	Administration	\$112,550
18	Health-related social needs	\$5,277,727

19 **SECTION 7. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

20 (1) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general
21 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of
22 corrections are adjusted as follows:

23 (a) For leased space, the reappropriated funds from money
24 transferred from the department of health care policy and financing is
25 increased by \$4,650;

26 (b) For use by the medical services subprogram for personal
27 services:

1 (I) The general fund appropriation is decreased by \$2,005,975;
2 and

3 (II) The reappropriated funds appropriation from money
4 transferred from the department of health care policy and financing is
5 increased by \$2,189,059, and the related FTE is increased by 2.0 FTE;
6 and

7 (c) For use by the medical services subprogram for operating
8 expenses, the reappropriated funds from money transferred from the
9 department of health care policy and financing is increased by \$20,746;
10 and

11 (d) For purchase of pharmaceuticals:

12 (I) The general fund appropriation is decreased by \$1,745,019;
13 and

14 (II) The reappropriated funds appropriation from money
15 transferred from the department of health care policy and financing is
16 increased by \$1,745,019.

17 (2) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual
18 general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
19 department of human services are adjusted as follows:

20 (a) For use by administration and finance for personal services,
21 the reappropriated funds appropriation from money transferred from the
22 department of health care policy and financing is increased by \$37,980,
23 and the associated FTE is increased by 0.3 FTE;

24 (b) For use by the division of child welfare for preventing youth
25 homelessness:

26 (I) The general fund appropriation is reduced by \$761,549; and

27 (II) The reappropriated funds appropriation from money

1 transferred from the department of health care policy and financing is
2 increased by \$761,549;

3 (c) For use by the division of youth services for medical services:

4 (I) The general fund appropriation is reduced by \$9,291; and

5 (II) The reappropriated funds appropriation from money
6 transferred from the department of health care policy and financing is
7 increased by \$9,291;

8 (d) For use by the division of youth services for program
9 administration related to community programs:

10 (I) The general fund appropriation is reduced by \$46,944; and

11 (II) The reappropriated funds appropriation from money
12 transferred from the department of health care policy and financing is
13 increased by \$46,944.

14 (3) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual
15 general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
16 department of local affairs are adjusted as follows:

17 (a) For use by the executive director's office:

18 (I) For personal services related to administration, the
19 reappropriated funds appropriation from money transferred from the
20 department of health care policy and financing is increased by \$91,826,
21 and the associated FTE is increased by 1.0 FTE; and

22 (II) For operating expenses related to administration, the
23 reappropriated funds appropriation from money transferred from the
24 department of health care policy and financing is increased by \$7,950;

25 (b) For use by the division of housing for personal services, the
26 reappropriated funds appropriation from money transferred from the
27 department of health care policy and financing is increased by \$109,424

1 and the associated FTE is increased by 2.0 FTE;

2 (c) For use by the division of housing for operating expenses, the

3 reappropriated funds appropriation from money transferred from the

4 department of health care policy and financing is increased by \$15,900;

5 (d) For use by the division of housing for low income rental

6 subsidies:

7 (I) The general fund appropriation is reduced by \$3,917,871; and

8 (II) The reappropriated funds appropriation from money

9 transferred from the department of health care policy and financing is

10 increased by \$3,917,871;

11 (e) For use by the division of housing for affordable housing

12 construction grants and loans pursuant to section 24-32-721, C.R.S.:

13 (I) The general fund appropriation is reduced by \$3,585,300; and

14 (II) The reappropriated funds appropriation from money

15 transferred from the department of health care policy and financing is

16 increased by \$3,585,300;

17 (f) For use by the division of housing for housing assistance for

18 persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice system:

19 (I) The general fund appropriation is reduced by \$119,510; and

20 (II) The reappropriated funds appropriation from money

21 transferred from the department of health care policy and financing is

22 increased by \$119,510; and

23 (g) For use by the division of housing for Proposition 123

24 programs for affordable home ownership and persons experiencing

25 homelessness, the cash funds appropriation from the affordable housing

26 support fund created in section 29-32-103 (1)(a), C.R.S., is decreased by

27 \$2,218,592.

1 **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
4 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
5 institutions.