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SENATE BILL 25-212

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Kirkmeyer and Bridges, Amabile

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Taggart and Bird, Sirota

Senate Committees

Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE TEMPORARY USE OF THE CENTENNIAL**
102 **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY-SOUTH C-TOWER TO HOUSE INMATES**
103 **DURING THE STERLING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ACCESS**
104 **CONTROLS PROJECT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING**
105 **AN APPROPRIATION.**

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 bill allows the Centennial correctional facility-south c-tower to be used to temporarily house

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protective-, close-, and medium-custody inmates for the duration of the Sterling correctional facility access controls project. The bill limits the use of the Centennial correctional facility-south c-tower to only after the department of corrections determines that there are no suitable beds available to house an inmate in another department facility.

The bill appropriates \$1,829,000 from the general fund to the department of corrections to implement the bill.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly
3 finds that the temporary use of c-tower at Centennial correctional
4 facility-south is necessary to accommodate the impact of the access
5 controls capital renewal project at the Sterling correctional facility. It is
6 the general assembly's intent that major accommodations of this kind be
7 considered by the capital development committee in the future.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-1-104.3, **add**
9 (1)(b.6) as follows:

10 **17-1-104.3. Correctional facilities - locations - security level -**
11 **report - repeal.** (1) (b.6) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION
12 OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE CENTENNIAL CORRECTIONAL
13 FACILITY-SOUTH C-TOWER MAY BE USED TO TEMPORARILY HOUSE
14 PROTECTIVE-, CLOSE-, AND MEDIUM-CUSTODY INMATES FOR THE STERLING
15 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ACCESS CONTROLS PROJECT, FOR THE DURATION
16 OF THAT PROJECT, AND FOR THE TIME REQUIRED TO TEMPORARILY
17 RELOCATE THE INMATES AND THEN RETURN THEM TO THE STERLING
18 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, THE DEPARTMENT
19 SHALL HOUSE AN INMATE FROM THE STERLING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
20 IN THE CENTENNIAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY-SOUTH C-TOWER ONLY
21 AFTER DETERMINING THAT THERE ARE NO SUITABLE BEDS AVAILABLE
22 THAT WOULD NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO HOUSE THAT

1 INMATE IN ANOTHER FACILITY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 CORRECTIONS.

3 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO
4 RELOCATING ANY INMATES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b.6)(I) OF THIS
5 SECTION, PROVIDE A STRUCTURED RELOCATION PLAN TO THE JOINT
6 BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY
7 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR
8 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND SHALL UPDATE THOSE COMMITTEES DURING
9 THE PROJECT. THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

10 (A) WHAT SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL, REHABILITATIVE, AND
11 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS OR CLASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE
12 INMATES, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF PROGRAMS, THE NUMBER OF INMATES
13 THAT CAN BE ENROLLED IN EACH PROGRAM, THE LENGTH OF EACH
14 PROGRAM, AND THE LOCATION WHERE EACH PROGRAM WILL BE
15 DELIVERED;

16 (B) WHAT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE WILL BE
17 AVAILABLE;

18 (C) WHAT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AND
19 THE RATE OF PAY FOR EACH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY;

20 (D) WHAT RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE,
21 INCLUDING THE LOCATION AND LENGTH OF TIME THAT AN INMATE WILL BE
22 ABLE TO ACCESS THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES;

23 (E) WHAT VISITATION OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE, HOW
24 OFTEN THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE, THE LOCATION FOR VISITATION, AND
25 WHETHER THAT VISITATION IS CONTACT OR NON-CONTACT;

26 (F) HOW MANY HOURS A DAY AN INMATE WILL BE ALLOWED OUT
27 OF THEIR CELL BASED ON THEIR MEDIUM OR CLOSE CUSTODY LEVEL OR

1 PROTECTIVE CUSTODY STATUS;

2 (G) WHETHER, PRIOR TO TRANSFER, THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO
3 CONDUCT A RECLASSIFICATION OR OTHER CUSTODY REVIEW ON ANY
4 MEDIUM SECURITY INMATE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INMATE IS
5 APPROPRIATE TO PROGRESS OR HAVE AN OVERRIDE TO
6 MINIMUM-RESTRICTIVE CUSTODY; AND

7 (H) AN ESTIMATE OF HOW LONG INMATES WILL BE TEMPORARILY
8 HELD AT CENTENNIAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY-SOUTH C-TOWER AND IF
9 THE RELOCATIONS WILL BE BASED ON THE DURATION OF THE ACCESS
10 CONTROLS PROJECT AT THE STERLING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

11 (III) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE UPDATES ON THE STATUS
12 OF THE ACCESS CONTROLS PROJECT AT ITS"SMART ACT" HEARING
13 REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-7-203.

14 (IV) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b.6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30,
15 2027.

16 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,
17 \$1,829,000 is appropriated to the department of corrections for use by
18 institutions. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement
19 this act, the institutions may use this appropriation for Centennial
20 correctional facility-south c-tower start-up costs related to the
21 superintendents subprogram.

22 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
25 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
26 institutions.