

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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**SENATE BILL 25-212**

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**Senate Committees**

Appropriations

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**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.**

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
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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.

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

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

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

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

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

3 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b.6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30,  
4 2027.

5 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,  
6 \$1,829,000 is appropriated to the department of corrections for use by  
7 institutions. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement  
8 this act, the institutions may use this appropriation for Centennial  
9 correctional facility-south c-tower start-up costs related to the  
10 superintendents subprogram.

11 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
14 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
15 institutions.