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STATE OF COLORADO**

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SENATE BILL 25-309

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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Brown and Bradfield,

Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

House Committees

Finance

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO**
102 **APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF NONPARTISAN LEGISLATIVE**
103 **FELLOWSHIPS WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF.**

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>.)

The bill authorizes the legislative council to approve agreements between the director of research of the legislative council and nonpartisan organizations to place nonpartisan legislative policy fellows (fellows) in the legislative council staff. The bill also specifies the types of work that fellows may do, requires the director of research to retain supervisory

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HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
May 6, 2025

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
May 1, 2025

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
April 30, 2025

authority over fellows, including over the terms and conditions of the fellowship, and requires any work product produced by a fellow during the fellowship to remain the property of the general assembly during and after the conclusion of the fellowship.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-303, **amend** (1)
3 introductory portion; and **add** (1)(h) as follows:

4 **2-3-303. Functions - report - definitions - repeal.** (1) In
5 addition to any other powers and duties set forth in law, the council ~~shall~~
6 ~~have~~ HAS the following powers and duties:

7 (h) TO APPROVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF
8 RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND NONPARTISAN
9 ORGANIZATIONS TO PLACE NONPARTISAN LEGISLATIVE POLICY FELLOWS
10 IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF TO CONDUCT POLICY-RELATED
11 RESEARCH; PREPARE POLICY, FISCAL, ECONOMIC, OR TECHNOLOGICAL
12 ANALYSES; SUPPORT LEGISLATORS AND COMMITTEES; AND COMPLETE
13 OTHER ASSIGNMENTS OR PROJECTS AS DIRECTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF
14 RESEARCH. ~~THE COUNCIL SHALL NOT APPROVE ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN~~
15 ~~THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND A~~
16 ~~NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION THAT IS REGISTERED AS A LOBBYIST WITH~~
17 ~~THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PLACE A NONPARTISAN LEGISLATIVE POLICY~~
18 ~~FELLOW IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF. AN AGREEMENT ENTERED~~
19 ~~INTO BY THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL~~
20 ~~PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(h) MUST ENSURE THAT THE DIRECTOR~~
21 ~~OF RESEARCH RETAINS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OVER FELLOWS PLACED~~
22 ~~WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF, INCLUDING OVER THE TERMS~~
23 ~~AND CONDITIONS OF THE FELLOWSHIP. AN AGREEMENT MUST ALSO~~

1 SPECIFY THAT ANY WORK PRODUCT PRODUCED BY A FELLOW DURING THE
2 FELLOWSHIP REMAINS THE PROPERTY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING
3 AND AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

4 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
7 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
8 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
9 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
10 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.