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SENATE BILL 25-212

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Kirkmeyer and Bridges, Amabile, Pelton B.

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Taggart and Bird, Sirota, Joseph

Senate Committees
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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.**

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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HOUSE
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April 3, 2025

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 2, 2025

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.

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4 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b.6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30,
5 2027.

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

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