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Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

REENGROSSED

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SENATE BILL 25-210

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Amabile and Kirkmeyer, Bridges

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Bird and Sirota, Taggart

Senate Committees

Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REPEALING THE FIVE-YEAR APPROPRIATION**
102 **REQUIREMENT FOR BILLS THAT RESULT IN A NET INCREASE IN**
103 **PERIODS OF INCARCERATION.**

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. Previously, the law required a bill that resulted in a net increase in periods of incarceration to include an appropriation to cover the increased cost of incarceration for 5 years after the bill went into effect. In 2022, the general assembly suspended the requirement for 3 years. The bill repeals the requirement permanently.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 3, 2025

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
April 2, 2025

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 2-2-703 as
3 follows:

4 **2-2-703. General assembly - bills which result in a net increase**
5 **in periods of imprisonment in state correctional facilities - funding**
6 **must be provided in the bill.** ~~On and after July 1, 2025, a bill may not~~
7 ~~be passed by the general assembly which would result in a net increase in~~
8 ~~periods of imprisonment in state correctional facilities unless, in such bill,~~
9 ~~there is an appropriation of money which is sufficient to cover any~~
10 ~~increased capital construction costs, any increased operating costs, and~~
11 ~~increased parole costs which are the result of such bill for the department~~
12 ~~of corrections in each of the first five years following the effective date~~
13 ~~of the bill. Money sufficient to cover such increased capital construction~~
14 ~~costs and increased operating costs for the first five fiscal years following~~
15 ~~the effective date of the bill must be estimated by the appropriations~~
16 ~~committee, and after consideration of such estimate the general assembly~~
17 ~~shall make a determination as to the amount of money sufficient to cover~~
18 ~~the costs, and such money must be appropriated in the bill in the form of~~
19 ~~a statutory appropriation from the general fund in the years affected. Any~~
20 ~~such bill which is passed on or after July 1, 1991, which is silent as to~~
21 ~~whether it is intended to be an exception to this section, shall not be~~
22 ~~deemed to be such an exception. Any bill which is enacted which is~~
23 ~~intended to be an exception to this section must expressly state such~~
24 ~~exception in such bill.~~

25 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

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