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SENATE BILL 25-291

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Amabile and Kirkmeyer, Bridges

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Sirota and Taggart, Bird

Senate Committees

Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE SPENDING AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION OF**
102 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR**
103 **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS.**

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 makes 2 changes to the spending authority of the division of criminal justice (division) in the department of public safety in relation to community corrections programs:

- Repeals the division's authority to transfer up to 10% of

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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- annual appropriations among or between line items for community corrections program services; and
● Allows the division to overexpend up to \$2 million in any one fiscal year for felony placements in community corrections programs.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-27-108, **repeal** (5)
3 as follows:

4 **17-27-108. Division of criminal justice in the department of**
5 **public safety - duties - community corrections contracts - audit.**

6 ~~(5) The division of criminal justice is authorized to transfer up to ten~~
7 ~~percent of annual appropriations among or between line items for~~
8 ~~community corrections program services. Advance notice of such~~
9 ~~transfers shall be provided to the general assembly, the governor, the~~
10 ~~executive director of the department of corrections, and the chief justice~~
11 ~~of the supreme court.~~

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-109, **add**
13 **(1)(e.5)** as follows:

14 **24-75-109. Controller may allow expenditures in excess of**
15 **appropriations - limitations - appropriations for subsequent fiscal**
16 **year restricted - repeal.** (1) For the purpose of closing the state's books,
17 and subject to the provisions of this section, the controller may, on or
18 after May 1 of any fiscal year and before the forty-fifth day after the close
19 thereof, upon approval of the governor, allow any department, institution,
20 or agency of the state, including any institution of higher education, to
21 make an expenditure in excess of the amount authorized by an item of
22 appropriation for such fiscal year if:

23 (e.5) THE OVEREXPENDITURE IS BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL

1 JUSTICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FELONY
2 PLACEMENTS IN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO
3 ARTICLE 27 OF TITLE 17, BUT THE TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES ALLOWED
4 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e.5) MUST NOT EXCEED TWO MILLION
5 DOLLARS IN ANY FISCAL YEAR; OR

6 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2025.

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