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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DEBTS, AND, IN CONNECTION**
102 **THEREWITH, REQUIRING THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT**
103 **JUDGMENT DEBTORS BE DISCLOSED TO JUDGMENT CREDITORS**
104 **THAT OBTAIN A COURT ORDER FOR SUCH DISCLOSURE,**
105 **ALLOWING COLLECTION AGENTS TO ADD CERTAIN EXPENSES TO**
106 **AMOUNTS DUE FOR COLLECTION, AND MAKING AN**
107 **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>.)

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

1 **penalties.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISCLOSE TO A JUDGMENT
2 CREDITOR HOLDING A MONEY JUDGMENT AGAINST A JUDGMENT DEBTOR
3 ONLY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR'S CURRENT
4 EMPLOYER, OR EMPLOYERS, IF MORE THAN ONE, AS CONTAINED IN THE
5 DEPARTMENT'S WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION DATABASE, ONLY
6 IF:

7 (a) THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR HAS OBTAINED A MONEY JUDGMENT
8 AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR FROM A COURT OF COMPETENT
9 JURISDICTION;

10 (b) THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR IS AN INDIVIDUAL; AND

11 (c) THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR OBTAINS A COURT ORDER REQUIRING
12 THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2)
13 OF THIS SECTION.

14 (2) (a) REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A JUDGMENT CREDITOR HAS
15 EXHAUSTED OTHER REMEDIES, A JUDGMENT CREDITOR MAY REQUEST THAT
16 THE COURT ORDER THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCLOSE TO THE JUDGMENT
17 CREDITOR THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S CURRENT
18 EMPLOYER OR EMPLOYERS IF:

19 (I) A COURT HAS ENTERED A MONEY JUDGMENT AGAINST THE
20 INDIVIDUAL;

21 (II) THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR FILES A MOTION WITH THE COURT
22 FOR SUCH DISCLOSURE; AND

23 (III) IF SO REQUIRED BY THE COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL
24 PROCEDURE, THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR SERVES A COPY OF THE MOTION ON
25 THE INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT DEBTOR.

26 (b) AN INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT DEBTOR MAY OPPOSE A JUDGMENT
27 CREDITOR'S MOTION TO OBTAIN A DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION

1 (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE JUDGMENT IS VOID OR
2 EXPIRED. IF AN INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT DEBTOR SO OPPOSES SUCH A
3 MOTION, THE COURT, AT ITS DISCRETION, MAY HOLD A HEARING AFTER THE
4 TIMELY FILING OF THE OBJECTION WITH THE COURT AND THE SERVICE OF
5 THE OBJECTION UPON THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR.

6 (3) WHEN A COURT ORDER IS GRANTED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF
7 THIS SECTION, THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR SHALL:

8 (a) PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT A COPY OF THE COURT ORDER
9 REQUIRING DISCLOSURE;

10 (b) EXECUTE A USER AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE CONTRACT
11 WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND PAY THE APPLICABLE FEE ASSOCIATED WITH
12 THE USER AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE CONTRACT;

13 (c) PAY THE DEPARTMENT A REASONABLE FEE THAT REFLECTS THE
14 ACTUAL COST OF PROCESSING THE REQUEST AS DETERMINED IN RULES
15 ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 24-4-103; AND

16 (d) COMPLY WITH THE DATA SAFEGUARD AND SECURITY
17 MEASURES DESCRIBED IN 20 CFR 603.9 WITH RESPECT TO INFORMATION
18 RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

19 (4) (a) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CHARGE THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR
20 A ONE-TIME INITIATION FEE ATTRIBUTED TO THE EXECUTION OF THE
21 REQUIRED USER AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE CONTRACT AS DETERMINED
22 IN RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 24-4-103. THE
23 INITIATION FEE MAY NOT EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

24 (b) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CHARGE THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR AN
25 ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE ATTRIBUTED TO THE EXECUTION OF THE REQUIRED
26 USER AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE CONTRACT AS DETERMINED IN RULES
27 ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 24-4-103. THE ANNUAL

1 RENEWAL FEE MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

2 (5) THE FEE PAID UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS SECTION MAY
3 BE RECOVERED BY THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR AS A TAXABLE LITIGATION
4 COST.

5 (6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSFER ALL FEES COLLECTED
6 UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE
7 MONEY TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR DISCLOSURE FUND CREATED IN
8 SECTION 24-1-121 (1.7).

9 (7) IF A JUDGMENT CREDITOR COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTION (3) OF
10 THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE JUDGMENT
11 CREDITOR THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT
12 DEBTOR'S CURRENT EMPLOYER OR EMPLOYERS WITHIN SEVEN BUSINESS
13 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE COURT ORDER.

14 (8) A JUDGMENT CREDITOR MAY NOT:

15 (a) USE THE INFORMATION OBTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A
16 PURPOSE OTHER THAN SATISFYING THE JUDGMENT BETWEEN THE
17 JUDGMENT CREDITOR AND THE INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT DEBTOR; OR

18 (b) SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH ANY OTHER PERSON EXCEPT AS
19 PERMITTED BY 20 CFR 603.9 (c).

20 (9) (a) THE DEPARTMENT, WITH JUST CAUSE AND AT ITS OWN
21 EXPENSE, MAY AUDIT A JUDGMENT CREDITOR WHO RECEIVES
22 INFORMATION UNDER THIS SECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE DATA
23 SAFEGUARD AND SECURITY MEASURES OF 20 CFR 603.9.

24 (b) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
25 CONDUCTING AN AUDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (9) ONLY WITH FUNDS
26 FROM THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR DISCLOSURE FUND CREATED IN SECTION
27 24-1-121 (1.7).

1 (10) (a) (I) If a judgment creditor fails to comply with the
2 data safeguard and security measures described in 20 CFR 603.9,
3 the judgment creditor, after a court finding of willful
4 noncompliance, is subject to a civil penalty of not more than one
5 thousand dollars for each violation.

6 (II) The attorney general, on the attorney general's
7 behalf or on behalf of the department, may file an action in
8 district court to seek and enforce the civil penalty.

9 (III) The prevailing party is entitled to an award of its
10 reasonable attorney fees, court costs, and investigative
11 expenses.

12 (b) If the judgment creditor is found to be the prevailing
13 party, all attorney fees, court costs, and investigative expenses
14 required to be paid to the judgment creditor must be paid out of
15 the judgment debtor disclosure fund created in section 24-1-121
16 (1.7).

17 (11) A collection agency or privately retained attorney
18 collecting on any debt arising from past-due orders,
19 obligations, fines, or fees due to the state, or due to any
20 political subdivision within the state, may add to the amount due
21 that has been placed for collection all fees, costs, and costs of
22 collection, including designated contractual costs and
23 attorney fees. Exclusive of the accrual of interest and court
24 costs, any fees or costs may not exceed the percentage published
25 annually by the central collection services section of the
26 division of finance and procurement within the department of
27 personnel unless additional reasonable attorney fees are

1 **AWARDED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.**

2 **13-51.3-103. Disposition of civil penalties, attorney fees, court**
3 **costs, and investigative expenses recovered.** THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
4 TRANSMIT ALL CIVIL PENALTIES, ATTORNEY FEES, COURT COSTS, AND
5 INVESTIGATIVE EXPENSES COLLECTED UNDER SECTION 13-51.3-102 TO THE
6 STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THEM TO THE GENERAL FUND.

7 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-1-121, **add** (1.7)
8 as follows:

9 **24-1-121. Department of labor and employment - creation -**
10 **judgment debtor disclosure fund.** (1.7) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN
11 THE STATE TREASURY THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR DISCLOSURE FUND. THE
12 FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY FROM FEES COLLECTED UNDER SECTION
13 13-51.3-102 FOR REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE OF CURRENT EMPLOYER
14 INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT DEBTORS. THE MONEY IN THE
15 FUND IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
16 FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS INCURRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT IN PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE OF
18 CURRENT EMPLOYER INFORMATION ON JUDGMENT DEBTORS UNDER
19 SECTION 13-51.3-102 AND PAYMENT TO JUDGMENT CREDITORS UNDER
20 SECTION 13-51.3-102 (10)(b). THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL
21 INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
22 FUND TO THE FUND. AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR, ALL UNEXPENDED
23 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND REMAINS IN THE FUND AND IS
24 NOT TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND.

25 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2018-19 state fiscal
26 year, \$87,443 is appropriated to the department of labor and employment.
27 This appropriation is from the judgment debtor disclosure fund created in

1 section 24-1-121 (1.7), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may
2 use this appropriation as follows:

3 (a) \$56,643 for use by the division of unemployment insurance for
4 program costs, which amount is based on an assumption that the division
5 will require an additional 1.1 FTE; and

6 (b) \$30,800 for the purchase of information technology services.

7 (2) For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, \$30,800 is appropriated to
8 the office of the governor for use by the office of information technology.
9 This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the
10 department of labor and employment under subsection (1)(b) of this
11 section. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation to
12 provide information technology services for the department of labor and
13 employment.

14 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect January 1, 2019; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
16 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this
17 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
18 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,
19 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
20 general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take
21 effect on January 1, 2019, or on the date of the official declaration of the
22 vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.