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HOUSE BILL 18-1124

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Hansen,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING SUPPORT STAFF FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL
102 ASSEMBLY.

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 permits each member of the general assembly to employ one full-time legislative aide to assist the member with his or her legislative duties and functions. With the exception of a constituent or legislative stakeholder meeting with a legislator, a legislative aide is required to perform all of his or her work at the capitol complex facilities.

The executive committee of the legislative council is required to

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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establish the annual salaries for legislative aides that are not less than \$28,000, adjusted for inflation. The general assembly shall annually appropriate money that is sufficient for each member of the general assembly to employ a full-time legislative aide. The appropriation must be in a separate line item to the legislative department.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 2-2-305.5 as
3 follows:

4 **2-2-305.5. Full-time legislative aides - definition.**

5 (1) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019, EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY MAY EMPLOY ONE FULL-TIME LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO ASSIST THE
7 MEMBER IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER LEGISLATIVE DUTIES AND
8 FUNCTIONS. NO ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE AIDES ARE PERMITTED FOR AN
9 INDIVIDUAL MEMBER, BUT THIS PROHIBITION DOES NOT LIMIT THE
10 MAJORITY AND MINORITY PARTIES OF EACH HOUSE FROM EMPLOYING
11 ADDITIONAL STAFF TO ASSIST THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES. A LEGISLATIVE
12 AIDE SHALL PERFORM ALL OF HIS OR HER WORK AT THE CAPITOL COMPLEX
13 FACILITIES; EXCEPT THAT A LEGISLATIVE AIDE MAY ATTEND A
14 CONSTITUENT OR LEGISLATIVE STAKEHOLDER MEETING WITH A
15 LEGISLATOR AS PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE AIDE'S OFFICIAL DUTIES. FOR
16 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A FULL-TIME LEGISLATIVE AIDE IS THE
17 EQUIVALENT OF ONE FTE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-75-112 (1)(d).

18 (2) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
19 SHALL ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL SALARIES FOR THE LEGISLATIVE AIDES
20 THAT ARE NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE
21 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2018, AND AN AMOUNT ADJUSTED FOR
22 INFLATION FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
23 SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE MONEY THAT IS SUFFICIENT FOR EACH

1 MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EMPLOY A FULL-TIME
2 LEGISLATIVE AIDE, AND THE APPROPRIATION MUST BE IN A SEPARATE LINE
3 ITEM TO THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

4 (3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "INFLATION" MEANS THE
5 ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
6 LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR
7 DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD FOR ALL ITEMS AND ALL URBAN
8 CONSUMERS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX.

9 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
12 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
13 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
14 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
15 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
16 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.