A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING FUNDING FOR HIGH-VISIBILITY DRUNK DRIVING LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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.)

Under existing law, the office of transportation safety within the office of the executive director of the department of transportation (department) receives funding from the law enforcement assistance fund (LEAF fund) to provide funding to local governments that have established a qualified drunk driving prevention and law enforcement program. The department receives funding from the first time drunk
driving offender account in the highway users tax fund for high-visibility
drunk driving enforcement.

The bill requires the general assembly to annually appropriate $2
million to the department for allocation to local government programs
that implement high-visibility drunk driving enforcement. The bill repeals
department funding for high-visibility drunk driving enforcement from
the first time drunk driving offender account and repeals office of
transportation safety funding from the LEAF fund.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly
hereby finds and declares that:

(a) Colorado is required to provide funding for impaired driving
law enforcement pursuant to federal and state law;

(b) Existing funding for impaired driving programs is decreasing,
and the department of transportation anticipates that funds for impaired
driving law enforcement will be nearly nonexistent in two years;

(c) Existing funding for impaired driving law enforcement funds
programs that provide ignition locks, breathalyzer analysis, blood testing,
impaired driving public education, and high-visibility impaired driving
enforcement;

(d) In Colorado, impaired driving law enforcement includes
high-visibility enforcement funding through the department of
transportation to pay local governments for 12 enforcement episodes each
year, which resulted in more than 9,000 impaired driving arrests in 2019;

and

(e) Without the existing funding, many local governments would
not have the ability to pay for increased high-visibility impaired
enforcement during key times of the year, including New Year's Eve,
Fourth of July, and Memorial Day.

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(2) Therefore, it is in the best interest for the safety and welfare
of Coloradans to prioritize state funding for impaired driving
enforcement.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 43-4-901 as
follows:

43-4-901. High-visibility drunk driving law enforcement. The
department of transportation, in implementing the strategic transportation
project investment program, shall, as a priority, increase to twelve
episodes annually the number of high-visibility drunk driving law
enforcement episodes that the department oversees. The high-visibility
drunk driving law enforcement episodes required by this section shall be
independent of, and in addition to, the drunk driving prevention and law
enforcement program described in part 4 of this article.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 43-4-902 as
follows:

43-4-902. Local drunk driving law enforcement - qualified
program - report - rules. (1) Any municipality, city and county, or
county that establishes a qualified program to coordinate
efforts to prevent drunk driving and enforce the laws
pertaining to alcohol- and drug-related traffic offenses is
eligible to receive money pursuant to this part 9 for
high-visibility drunk driving law enforcement.

(2) (a) The department of transportation shall allocate
not less than thirty percent and not more than fifty percent of
the money appropriated to the department of transportation
pursuant to section 43-4-903 to counties that have established
a qualified drunk driving prevention and law enforcement
(b) The Department of Transportation shall allocate not less than fifty percent and not more than seventy percent of the money appropriated to the Department of Transportation pursuant to section 43-4-903 to municipalities and city and counties that have established a qualified drunk driving prevention and law enforcement program.

(3) The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules for the administration of this section. At a minimum, the rules must:

(a) Establish the minimum requirements for a qualified program;

(b) Establish the process for distributing money to counties, cities and counties, and municipalities pursuant to this section; and

(c) Permit qualified programs to use money received pursuant to this section to educate the public regarding alcohol- and drug-related traffic offenses.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 43-4-903 as follows:

43-4-903. Drunk driving law enforcement funding. The General Assembly shall annually appropriate from the general fund two million dollars to the Department of Transportation for drunk driving enforcement described in this Part 9.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-4-402, amend (2)(a) as follows:

43-4-402. Source of revenues - allocation of money. (2)(a) The
general assembly shall make an annual appropriation out of the money in
the fund to the department of public health and environment in an amount
sufficient to pay for the costs of evidential breath alcohol testing,
including any education needs associated with testing, and implied
consent specialists, the costs of which were previously paid out of the
highway users tax fund. The general assembly shall also make an annual
appropriation out of the money in the fund to the Colorado bureau of
investigation to pay for the costs of toxicology laboratory services,
including any education needs associated with the services. Of the money
remaining in the fund, eighty percent shall be deposited in a special
drunkendriving account in the fund, which account is created, and be
available immediately, without further appropriation, for allocation by the
transportation commission to the office of transportation safety. The
office of transportation safety shall allocate the money in accordance with
the provisions of section 43-4-404 (1) and (2). The remaining twenty
percent shall be appropriated by The general assembly SHALL
appropriate the remaining money in the fund to the office of
behavioral health in the department of human services, which shall use
the money for the purposes stated in section 43-4-404 (3). The office of
transportation safety and the office of behavioral health in the department
of human services may use amounts from the money allocated or
appropriated to them by IT PURSUANT TO this subsection (2) as necessary
for the purpose of paying the costs incurred by the office of transportation
safety and the office of behavioral health in administering the programs
established pursuant to this part 4; except that neither the office of
transportation safety nor the office of behavioral health may NOT use for
the purposes of this part 4 an amount exceeding eight percent of the
money allocated or appropriated.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 43-4-403 as follows:

43-4-403. Drunken driving prevention and law enforcement program - minimum requirements. Any municipality, city and county, or county which establishes a qualified program to coordinate efforts to prevent drunken driving and enforce the laws pertaining to alcohol- and drug-related traffic offenses shall be eligible to receive moneys from the fund. The minimum requirements for such a qualified program shall be established by rules and regulations promulgated by the office of transportation safety in the department of transportation, which rules and regulations shall provide for programs, including but not limited to, programs to educate the public regarding alcohol- and drug-related traffic offenses.

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-4-404, **repeal** (1) and (2) as follows:

43-4-404. Formula for allocation of money - rules. (1) The office of transportation safety shall allocate not less than thirty percent and not more than fifty percent of the moneys allocated to the office pursuant to section 43-4-402 (2) to counties that have established a qualified drunken driving prevention and law enforcement program. The intent of the general assembly is that these moneys be expended in a manner that will improve enforcement of drunken driving laws. To this end, rules for the distribution of these moneys shall be developed by the office of transportation safety. All moneys appropriated hereunder shall be used for drunken driving prevention and law enforcement improvement by counties and not for statewide programs.
(2) The office of transportation safety shall allocate not less than fifty percent and not more than seventy percent of the moneys to municipalities and city and counties that have established a qualified drunken driving prevention and law enforcement program. The intent of the general assembly is that these moneys be expended in a manner that will improve enforcement of drunken driving laws. To this end, rules for the distribution of these moneys shall be developed by the office of transportation safety. The office shall report annually to the transportation legislation review committee on the distribution and expenditure of these funds and the nature and purpose of the programs. All moneys appropriated hereunder shall be used for drunken driving prevention and law enforcement improvement by municipalities and city and counties and not for statewide programs.

SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-132, amend (4)(b)(II)(B) as follows:

42-2-132. Period of suspension or revocation. (4) (b) The department shall transmit the restoration fees collected under this subsection (4) to the state treasurer, who shall credit:

(II) (B) The moneys in the account shall be subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly on and after January 1, 2009, first to the department of revenue to pay its costs associated with the implementation of House Bill 08-1194, as enacted in 2008, and to pay its costs associated with the implementation of House Bill 13-1240, enacted in 2013; second, to the department of revenue to pay a portion of the costs for an ignition interlock device as described by section 42-2-132.5 (4)(a)(II)(C) for a first time drunk driving offender who is unable to pay the costs of the device; and third, to the department of
revenue to pay a portion of the costs for an ignition interlock device for
a persistent drunk driver who is unable to pay the costs of the device and
who installs the ignition interlock device on his or her vehicle on or after
January 1, 2014, and then to provide two million dollars to the department
of transportation for high visibility drunk driving enforcement pursuant
to section 43-4-901, C.R.S. Any money in the account not
expended for these purposes may be invested by the state treasurer as
provided by law. All interest and income derived from the investment and
deposit of money in the account shall be credited to the account.
At the end of each fiscal year, any unexpended and unencumbered
money remaining in the account shall remain in the account and
shall not be credited or transferred to the general fund, the highway users
tax fund, or another fund.

SECTION 9. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.