HOUSE BILL 20-1365

CONCERNING THE FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF HISTORY COLORADO.

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. Current law authorizes the general assembly to appropriate money to the state historical society from the museum and preservation operations account of the state historical fund to pay for history Colorado certificates of participation. The bill allows money to also be appropriated from the general fund or any other available fund.

On October 1, 2019, the state treasurer transferred $1 million from the preservation grant program account in the state historical fund to the
capital construction fund to repaint the interior of the dome of the state capitol building. The bill transfers the unencumbered portion of that amount on July 1, 2020, from the capital construction fund to the museum and preservation operations account in the state historical fund.

The state historical society is authorized to direct the state treasurer to transfer up to $1 million from the preservation grant program account in the state historical fund to the museum and preservation operations account for each of the 2020-21 and 2021-22 state fiscal years.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-30-1201, amend (5)(d)(IV) and (12); and add (5)(a)(III) and (13) as follows:

44-30-1201. State historical fund - administration - legislative declaration - state museum cash fund - capitol dome restoration fund - definition. (5) (a) (III) Notwithstanding the findings in subsection (5)(a)(II) of this section, as a result of the severe losses in gaming revenues and earned revenues of the state historical society caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the general assembly finds it of critical importance to support the needs of the society and, consistent with the preservation purposes of the state historical fund, to allow a limited amount of money normally used for grants to be transferred to the museum and preservation operations account for the fiscal years commencing July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021, only.

(d) (IV) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2011, and for each fiscal year thereafter through the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2045, so long as there are payments due on an agreement entered into pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of Senate Bill 08-206, as enacted at the second regular session of the sixty-sixth general assembly, the general assembly shall appropriate to the state historical society from the...
museum and preservation operations account of the state historical fund,
THE GENERAL FUND, OR FROM ANY OTHER AVAILABLE FUND an amount
equal to the annual aggregate rentals or other payments due from state
funds; except that the amount shall not exceed four million nine hundred
ninety-eight thousand dollars in any given fiscal year.

(12) For the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, the state
treasurer shall transfer one million dollars from the preservation grant
program account of the state historical fund on October 1, 2019, to the
capital construction fund created in section 24-75-302 for repainting of
the interior of the dome of the state capitol building. On JULY 1, 2020,
THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE
UNENCUMBERED PORTION OF THE MONEY PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS
SUBSECTION (12) AS OF SUCH DATE FOR REPAINTING THE INTERIOR OF THE
DOME OF THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING FROM THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION
FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-302 TO THE MUSEUM AND
PRESERVATION OPERATIONS ACCOUNT CREATED IN SUBSECTION
(5)(c)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION.

(13) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION
TO THE CONTRARY, FOR EACH OF THE STATE FISCAL YEARS COMMENCING
JULY 1, 2020, AND JULY 1, 2021, THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS
AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A
CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM ACCOUNT CREATED IN SUBSECTION
(5)(c)(I)(A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE MUSEUM AND PRESERVATION
OPERATIONS ACCOUNT CREATED IN SUBSECTION (5)(c)(I)(B) OF THIS
SECTION.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.