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**SENATE BILL 21-115**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE USE OF MONEY IN THE COLORADO TELEPHONE**  
102              **USERS WITH DISABILITIES FUND TO SUPPORT TALKING BOOK**  
103              **LIBRARY SERVICES FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,**  
104              **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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 current law, the general assembly is authorized to annually appropriate money from the Colorado telephone users with disabilities fund (fund) to support talking book library services for persons who are

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blind or physically disabled. The bill requires an annual appropriation from the fund for the talking book library services.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-17-104, **amend**  
3 (1)(b) as follows:

4 **40-17-104. Colorado telephone users with disabilities fund -**  
5 **creation - purpose.** (1) (b) The general assembly SHALL MAKE ANNUAL  
6 APPROPRIATIONS OUT OF THE FUND:

7 ~~(I) Shall make annual appropriations out of the fund:~~ FOR THE  
8 ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND;

9 ~~(A) For the administration of the fund; and~~

10 ~~(B)~~ (II) To the reading services for the blind cash fund, created in  
11 section 24-90-105.5 (5), for use by the state librarian in support of  
12 privately operated reading services for people who are blind; and

13 ~~(H)~~ (III) ~~May make annual appropriations out of the fund~~ To  
14 provide support for library services as authorized by section 24-90-105  
15 (1)(e).

16 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal  
17 year, \$250,000 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies  
18 for use by the public utilities commission. This appropriation is from the  
19 Colorado telephone users with disabilities fund created in section  
20 40-17-104 (1)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the commission may use  
21 this appropriation for the Colorado talking book library.

22 (2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$250,000 is appropriated to  
23 the department of education. This appropriation is from reappropriated  
24 funds received from the department of regulatory agencies under  
25 subsection (1) of this section. To implement this act, the department may

1 use this appropriation for the Colorado talking book library.

2           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
5 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
6 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
7 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
8 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
9 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.