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**SENATE BILL 21-283**

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**Senate Committees**  
Appropriations

**House Committees**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING CASH FUND SOLVENCY, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
102            **THEREWITH, CREATING THE CASH FUND SOLVENCY FUND TO**  
103            **ALLOW THE STATE CONTROLLER TO TRANSFER MONEY TO**  
104            **CERTAIN CASH FUNDS WITH ANTICIPATED CASH DEFICITS,**  
105            **WHICH AMOUNTS WILL BE LATER REPAID,     TRANSFERRING**  
106            **MONEY TO THE MARIJUANA CASH FUND, AND MAKING AND**  
107            **REDUCING AN 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.*

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
May 27, 2021

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
May 26, 2021

**Joint Budget Committee. Section 1** of the bill creates the cash fund solvency fund. The purpose of the fund is to allow the state controller to transfer money from the fund to another cash fund for which it is anticipated that there will be a cash deficit. Thereafter, the state controller is required to transfer the same amount of money from the cash fund back to the cash fund solvency fund in one or more installments, which may be over multiple fiscal years. The state controller is required to annually report to the joint budget committee and the office of state planning and budgeting about any transfers made.

**Section 2** requires the state treasurer to transfer \$1,805,317 from the marijuana tax cash fund to the marijuana cash fund and \$1,200,000 from the general fund to the marijuana cash fund. The first transfer repays the marijuana cash fund for a prior transfer and the second transfer partially repays the marijuana cash fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-30-210 as  
3 follows:

4 **24-30-210. Cash fund solvency fund - creation - loans - report**  
5 **- legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND  
6 DECLARES THAT:

7 (a) WHEN FEE-FUNDED PROGRAMS USE MULTI-YEAR LICENSING  
8 AND SERVICE PERIODS, STATE AGENCIES MAY HAVE REVENUE SHORTFALLS  
9 DURING OFF-CYCLE YEARS IN WHICH REVENUE COLLECTIONS ARE  
10 DRAMATICALLY LOWER THAN THEY ARE IN ON-CYCLE YEARS;

11 (b) THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS REDUCED FEE REVENUE OR  
12 DISRUPTED THE FEE CYCLE FOR MANY STATE PROGRAMS, WHICH  
13 EXACERBATES THE NEED FOR A MULTI-YEAR, CASH-MANAGEMENT  
14 SOLUTION TO SMOOTH OUT REVENUE FLUCTUATIONS;

15 (c) FEE-FUNDED STATE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE ABLE TO WEATHER  
16 THE CURRENT AND FUTURE ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS WITHOUT RESORTING  
17 TO LARGE, SHORT-TERM FEE INCREASES ON BUSINESSES AND COLORADANS

1 AS THEY ARE RECOVERING FROM THE DOWNTURN; AND

2 (d) PROVIDING FEE-FUNDED PROGRAMS ADEQUATE, MULTI-YEAR  
3 FLEXIBILITY TO MANAGE CASH FLOWS WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING THE  
4 EXISTING SAFEGUARDS AGAINST OVERCHARGING FEE PAYERS FOR  
5 SERVICES IS AN IMPORTANT STATE FUNCTION.

6 (2) THE CASH FUND SOLVENCY FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS  
7 SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY.  
8 THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY CREDITED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO  
9 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE  
10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND. THE  
11 STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED  
12 FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE CASH FUND  
13 SOLVENCY FUND TO THE FUND.

14 (3) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE  
15 CONTRARY, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND  
16 BUDGETING, THE STATE CONTROLLER MAY TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE  
17 FUND TO ANOTHER CASH FUND IF THE STATE CONTROLLER DETERMINES  
18 THAT:

19 (I) THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVENUE IN THE CASH FUND IS FROM  
20 FEE REVENUE;

21 (II) THE FEE REVENUE IS COLLECTED ON A MULTI-YEAR LICENSING  
22 AND SERVICE PERIOD OR THERE HAS BEEN AN UNEXPECTED, SIGNIFICANT  
23 DECREASE IN FEE REVENUE COLLECTED; AND

24 (III) THE CASH FUND WILL HAVE A DEFICIT BASED ON CURRENT  
25 EXPENDITURES IN THE ABSENCE OF A SIGNIFICANT FEE INCREASE, UNLESS  
26 A LOAN IS MADE TO THE CASH FUND.

27 (b) AFTER A TRANSFER TO A CASH FUND UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(a)

1 OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE CONTROLLER SHALL TRANSFER THE SAME  
2 AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM THE CASH FUND BACK TO THE CASH FUND  
3 SOLVENCY FUND IN ONE OR MORE INSTALLMENTS. THE STATE  
4 CONTROLLER SHALL ESTABLISH THE TERMS OF THE REPAYMENT  
5 TRANSFERS, WHICH MAY BE OVER MULTIPLE FISCAL YEARS.

6 (4) ON JULY 1, 2021, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER  
7 THREE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL  
8 FUND TO THE FUND.

9 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11), ON OR BEFORE  
10 NOVEMBER 1, 2021, AND EACH NOVEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE STATE  
11 CONTROLLER SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE  
12 AND THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING ABOUT ANY  
13 TRANSFERS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE TERMS OF  
14 THE REPAYMENT TRANSFERS, AND THE AMOUNT THAT HAS BEEN REPAID.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-801, **amend**  
16 (1)(d) as follows:

17 **44-10-801. Marijuana cash fund - repeal.** (1) (d) (I) ~~On July 1,~~  
18 ~~2014, the state treasurer shall transfer to the marijuana tax cash fund~~  
19 ~~created in section 39-28.8-501 any money in the fund that is attributable~~  
20 ~~to the retail marijuana excise tax transferred pursuant to section~~  
21 ~~39-28.8-305 (1)(b), the retail marijuana sales tax transferred pursuant to~~  
22 ~~section 39-28.8-203 (1)(b), or the sales tax imposed pursuant to section~~  
23 ~~39-26-106, on the retail sale of marijuana products pursuant to this article~~  
24 ~~10.~~

25 (II) ~~On the date on which the state controller publishes the~~  
26 ~~comprehensive annual financial report of the state for the 2013-14 state~~  
27 ~~fiscal year, the state treasurer shall transfer to the marijuana tax cash fund~~

1 ~~created in section 39-28.8-501 any remaining money in the fund that is~~  
2 ~~attributable to the retail marijuana excise tax transferred pursuant to~~  
3 ~~section 39-28.8-305 (1)(b), the retail marijuana sales tax transferred~~  
4 ~~pursuant to section 39-28.8-203 (1)(b), or the sales tax imposed pursuant~~  
5 ~~to section 39-26-106, on the retail sale of marijuana products under this~~  
6 ~~article 10.~~

7 (III) (A) On July 1, 2019, the state treasurer shall transfer nine  
8 hundred fourteen thousand four hundred sixteen dollars from the  
9 marijuana cash fund to the marijuana tax cash fund created in section  
10 39-28.8-501. On July 1, 2020, the state treasurer shall transfer eight  
11 hundred ninety thousand nine hundred one dollars from the marijuana  
12 cash fund to the marijuana tax cash fund.

13 (B) ON JULY 1, 2021, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ONE  
14 MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN  
15 DOLLARS FROM THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
16 39-28.8-501 TO THE MARIJUANA CASH FUND.

17 (C) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d)(III) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
18 2022.

19 (IV) (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on June 30,  
20 2020, the state treasurer shall transfer one million six hundred thousand  
21 dollars from the marijuana cash fund to the general fund.

22 (B) ON JULY 1, 2021, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ONE  
23 MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO  
24 THE MARIJUANA CASH FUND.

25 (C) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d)(IV) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
26 2022.

27 **SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2021 long bill.**

1 (1) The appropriation from reappropriated funds received from the  
2 department of revenue, made in the annual general appropriation act for  
3 the 2021-22 state fiscal year to the department of public health and  
4 environment for use by disease control and public health response for  
5 laboratory services related to certification is decreased by \$1,135,728.

6 (2) The cash funds appropriation from the marijuana cash fund  
7 created in section 44-10-801 (1)(a), C.R.S., made in the annual general  
8 appropriation act for the 2021-22 state fiscal year to the department of  
9 revenue for use by marijuana enforcement for transfers to department of  
10 public health and environment related to the marijuana laboratory testing  
11 reference library is decreased by \$1,135,728.

12 (3) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$1,135,728 is appropriated  
13 to the department of public health and environment. This appropriation  
14 is from the marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1),  
15 C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation  
16 for use by disease control and public health response for laboratory  
17 services related to certification.

18 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.