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SENATE BILL 24-003

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE COLORADO BUREAU OF**
102 **INVESTIGATION TO INVESTIGATE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY INVOLVING**
103 **FIREARMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
104 **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>.)

The bill authorizes the Colorado bureau of investigation (bureau) to investigate illegal activity involving firearms statewide. The bill appropriates \$1,690,258 to the department of public safety for the bureau

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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to conduct the investigations.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative intent - legislative findings.** (1) It is
3 the intent of the general assembly that the Colorado bureau of
4 investigation investigate:

5 (a) Egregious attempts to purchase firearms by previously
6 convicted felons who are identified through the Instacheck unit denial process;

7 (b) Unlawful activity involving illegal firearm components and
8 accessories; and

9 (c) Tips and information relating to firearms violations as they are
10 received, specifically focusing on straw purchases and personally
11 manufactured firearms, commonly known as ghost guns.

12 (2) (a) The general assembly finds that the Colorado bureau of
13 investigation has operated in partnership with local law enforcement
14 agencies on criminal investigations and that the bureau maintains a robust
15 operating directive that outlines how investigators will, as soon as
16 practicable after an investigation begins, communicate with local law
17 enforcement agencies to determine the nature and extent of a
18 firearm-related investigation.

19 (b) The general assembly intends that the Colorado bureau of
20 investigation communicate with local law enforcement and the local
21 district attorney in the jurisdiction where the bureau is conducting an
22 investigation into illegal activity involving firearms.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-412, **amend**
24 **(1)(r); and add (1)(t) as follows:**

25 **24-33.5-412. Functions of bureau - legislative review -**

1 **interagency cooperation with reporting functions - processing time**
2 **for criminal history record checks - computer crime - synthetic**
3 **cannabinoids enforcement.** (1) The bureau has the following authority:

4 (r) To conduct criminal history records checks pursuant to section
5 24-72-305.3; and

6 (t) To investigate throughout the state criminal activity
7 involving firearms described in article 12 of title 18, including
8 investigating illegal firearm transfers and attempts, as
9 described in section 18-2-101, to illegally obtain a firearm. When
10 conducting an investigation, the bureau shall reasonably
11 communicate with local law enforcement agencies and
12 collaborate with the local district attorney in the jurisdiction
13 where the bureau is conducting an investigation in the beginning
14 stages of the investigation. This subsection (1)(t) does not
15 authorize the bureau to investigate other criminal activity
16 encountered during a firearms-related investigation without
17 consent from, or in collaboration with, the local law
18 enforcement agency as required by law.

19 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal
20 year, \$1,477,127 is appropriated to the department of public safety. This
21 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
22 department may use this appropriation as follows:

23 (a) \$1,079,356 for use by the Colorado bureau of investigation for
24 personal services related to laboratory and investigative services, which
25 amount is based on an assumption that the bureau will require an
26 additional 10.1 FTE;

27 (b) \$351,068 for use by the Colorado bureau of investigation for

1 operating costs related to laboratory and investigative services; and
2 (c) \$46,703 for use by the executive director's office for leased
3 space.

4 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
7 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
8 institutions.