CHAPTER 91

## **GOVERNMENT - STATE**

HOUSE BILL 24-1386

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Bird and Sirota, Taggart, Clifford, Duran, Lieder, Ricks, Snyder, McCluskie; also SENATOR(S) Bridges and Kirkmeyer, Zenzinger, Michaelson Jenet, Priola.

## AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE CASH FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO INSTALL BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE AT CERTAIN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 17-1-168 as follows:

**17-1-168.** Broadband infrastructure cash fund - created - repeal. (1) (a) The BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE CASH FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE, TRANSFER, OR REQUIRE BY LAW TO BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

(b) ON JULY 1, 2024, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND.

(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE FUND.

(3) Subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly, the department may expend money from the fund to install broadband infrastructure at the following correctional facilities:

(a) DENVER RECEPTION AND DIAGNOSTIC CENTER;

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(b) FREMONT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;

(c) DENVER WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;

(d) BUENA VISTA CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX; AND

(e) SAN CARLOS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

(4) The state treasurer shall transfer all unexpended and unencumbered money in the fund on July 1, 2027, to the general fund.

(5) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2027.

**SECTION 2.** Appropriation. (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, 4,570,741 is appropriated to the department of corrections. This appropriation is from the broadband infrastructure cash fund created in section 17-1-168 (1)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

(a) \$11,033 for use by management for health, life, and dental;

(b) \$95 for use by management for short-term disability;

(c) \$266 for use by management for paid family and medical leave insurance;

(d) \$5,914 for use by management for unfunded liability amortization equalization disbursement payments;

(e) \$4,482,661 for use by institutions for broadband infrastructure related to the maintenance subprogram;

(f) \$2,050 for use by institutions for start-up costs related to the superintendents subprogram;

(g) \$235 for use by support services for operating expenses related to the communications subprogram;

(h) \$200 for use by support services for operating expenses related to the information systems subprogram;

(i) \$66,787 for use by support services for personal services related to the facility services subprogram, which amount is based on an assumption that the department will require an additional 0.9 FTE;

(j) \$500 for use by support services for operating expenses related to the facility services subprogram; and

(k) \$1,000 for use by support services for start-up costs related to the facility services subprogram.

**SECTION 3.** Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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