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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
102 THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER.

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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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Existing law imposes certain requirements related to money appropriated to the Auraria higher education center (AHEC) for operations costs, including a requirement to use the money in accordance with baseline service level agreements entered into by AHEC's constituent institutions. The requirements apply through July 1, 2026.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

The bill extends the requirements to apply through July 1, 2027.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-70-118, **amend**  
3 (1) introductory portion, (2) introductory portion, (2)(a), (3), (4)  
4 introductory portion, and (5) as follows:

5 **23-70-118. Requirements for money that is appropriated to**  
6 **the department of higher education for use by the Auraria higher**  
7 **education center - repeal.**

8 (1) Any money that the general assembly appropriates to the  
9 department of higher education for the Auraria higher education center  
10 to use for operational costs ~~in~~ FOR the 2025-26 state fiscal year AND FOR  
11 EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER must be used as agreed upon by  
12 the constituent institutions in baseline service level agreements, including  
13 operational costs associated with:

14 (2) Any baseline service level agreement that the Auraria higher  
15 education center enters into using money appropriated by the general  
16 assembly for the 2025-26 state fiscal year AND FOR EACH STATE FISCAL  
17 YEAR THEREAFTER must:

18 (a) Be executed by the contracting parties no later than ~~September~~  
19 ~~1, 2025~~ SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, until which time the Auraria  
20 higher education center and the constituent institutions shall operate  
21 according to existing service level agreements;

22 (3) In the 2025-26 state fiscal year, AND EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR  
23 THEREAFTER, the Auraria higher education center shall manage all  
24 resources related to baseline service level agreements and goals and shall  
25 present quarterly updates regarding baseline service level agreements and

1 goals to the constituent institutions.

2 (4) The Auraria higher education center shall establish fee  
3 structures ~~for the 2025-26 state fiscal year~~ for all services that are not  
4 already provided for in the baseline service level agreements. The  
5 constituent institutions may enter into additional agreements with the  
6 Auraria higher education center for services that are not provided for in  
7 the baseline service level agreements, in which case the Auraria higher  
8 education center shall explain why the additional contracted services do  
9 not fall within the baseline service level agreements. The fee structures  
10 established pursuant to this subsection (4) must:

11 (5) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2026~~ JULY 1, 2027.

12 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
15 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
16 institutions.