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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCESSES FOR THE
102 DETERMINATION OF BUDGET REQUESTS FOR THE UPCOMING
103 STATE FISCAL YEAR.

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. The bill requires a state agency, defined as any department, commission, council, board, bureau, committee, institution of higher education, agency, or other governmental unit of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government that receives an appropriation or is otherwise included in the annual general

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appropriation act, to submit a base budget for the upcoming state fiscal year to the joint budget committee and the office of state planning and budgeting (office) on or before September 1 of each year, beginning in 2026. A base budget is defined as the total amount appropriated in the annual general appropriation act and other legislation enacted in the prior state fiscal year plus:

- Out-year costs or savings from legislation adopted in prior years that were not included in the appropriations for the preceding state fiscal year; and
- Budget adjustments from prior years that were not included in the appropriations for the preceding state fiscal year.

A state agency is required to submit its base budget using a format agreed upon by state agencies and the office, in coordination with joint budget committee staff.

The bill also requires the director of the office, in collaboration with the executive director of the department of personnel, to provide information related to the office's calculations for common policies, as annually submitted in the governor's November 1 budget request, to the departments, institutions, and agencies of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of state government as soon as practicable prior to the submission of the November 1 budget request.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-208, **amend** (1)
3 and (6); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

4 **2-3-208. Budget requests - base budget submissions -**
5 **amendments - supplemental appropriation requests - deadlines -**
6 **definitions.**

7 (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

8 (a) "BASE BUDGET" MEANS THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED IN
9 THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT AND OTHER LEGISLATION
10 ENACTED IN THE PRIOR STATE FISCAL YEAR PLUS:

11 (I) OUT-YEAR COSTS OR SAVINGS FROM LEGISLATION ADOPTED IN
12 PRIOR YEARS THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
13 PRECEDING STATE FISCAL YEAR; AND

1 (II) BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FROM PRIOR YEARS THAT WERE NOT
2 INCLUDED IN THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PRECEDING STATE FISCAL
3 YEAR.

4 (a) (b) "Budget request amendment" means any change to a
5 budget request for the upcoming state fiscal year that a state agency
6 submits to the joint budget committee.

7 (b) (c) "State agency" means any department, commission,
8 council, board, bureau, committee, institution of higher education,
9 agency, or other governmental unit of the executive, legislative, or
10 judicial branch of state government that receives an appropriation or is
11 otherwise included in the annual general appropriation act.

12 (1.5) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH
13 SEPTEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, A STATE AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT ITS BASE
14 BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING STATE FISCAL YEAR TO THE JOINT BUDGET
15 COMMITTEE AND THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING IN A
16 FORMAT AGREED UPON BY THE STATE AGENCIES AND THE OFFICE OF STATE
17 PLANNING AND BUDGETING IN COORDINATION WITH JOINT BUDGET
18 COMMITTEE STAFF.

19 (6) For purposes of this section, the office of administrative
20 services for independent agencies in the judicial department, created in
21 section 13-100-103, is a state agency. Included agencies, as defined in
22 section 13-100-102, are not state agencies for purposes of BASE BUDGET
23 SUBMISSIONS OR budget request submissions.

24 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-100-104, **amend**
25 (1) as follows:

26 **13-100-104. Budget requests and annual statewide**
27 **compensation adjustments.**

1 (1) (a) THE OFFICE SHALL SUBMIT A SINGLE, CONSOLIDATED BASE
2 BUDGET, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-3-208, THAT
3 INCLUDES THE BASE BUDGET INFORMATION FROM EACH INCLUDED
4 AGENCY, IF PROVIDED.

5 (b) The office shall submit a single, consolidated budget request,
6 pursuant to the requirements of section 2-3-208, that includes budget
7 request amendments from each included agency, if provided.

8 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-37-302, **add**
9 (3)(c) as follows:

10 **24-37-302. Responsibilities of the office of state planning and**
11 **budgeting.**

12 (3) (c) AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION OF
13 THE NOVEMBER 1 BUDGET REQUEST, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
14 STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, SHALL
16 PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE OFFICE'S CALCULATIONS FOR
17 COMMON POLICIES, AS ANNUALLY SUBMITTED IN THE GOVERNOR'S
18 NOVEMBER 1 BUDGET REQUEST, TO THE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS,
19 AND AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL, AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES
20 OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

21 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
24 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
25 institutions.