

CHAPTER 60

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 20-1262

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AN ACT

CONCERNING MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS TRANSITIONING FROM THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-27-108, **repeal** (7)(a) as follows:

17-27-108. Division of criminal justice of the department of public safety - duties - community corrections contracts. (7) (a) ~~Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, and for each fiscal year thereafter, any money appropriated from the general fund to the division of criminal justice for the purposes of this article 27 that is unexpended or unencumbered as of the close of that fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund, and the state treasurer and the controller shall transfer such money to the housing assistance for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice system cash fund created pursuant to section 24-32-721 (4)(d).~~

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-721, **amend** (4)(d) as follows:

24-32-721. Colorado affordable housing construction grants and loans - housing development grant fund - creation - housing assistance for persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance use disorders - cash fund - appropriation - report to general assembly - definition. (4) (d) There is created in the state treasury the housing assistance for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice system cash fund, referred to in this subsection (4) as the "cash fund". The cash fund consists of ~~all money transferred to the fund pursuant to section 17-27-108 (7) and~~ all money that the general assembly appropriates to the cash fund. Subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly, the division

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may expend money in the cash fund for the purposes set forth in this subsection (4). All interest earned from the investment of money in the cash fund is credited to the cash fund. All money not expended at the end of the fiscal year remains in the cash fund, does not revert to the general fund or any other fund, and remains available for expenditure by the division in the next fiscal year for the purposes of this subsection (4) without further appropriation.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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