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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.**

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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>.)*

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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HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 26, 2024

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 15, 2024

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 13, 2024

to conduct the investigations.

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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) and (10)** 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. The  
10 bureau shall communicate with the appropriate local law  
11 enforcement agency to deconflict investigative operations and  
12 determine investigative responsibilities prior to taking  
13 investigative or enforcement action and shall collaborate with  
14 the local district attorney in the jurisdiction where the bureau  
15 is conducting an investigation in the beginning stages of the  
16 investigation. This subsection (1)(t) does not authorize the  
17 bureau to investigate other criminal activity encountered  
18 during a firearms-related investigation without consent from,  
19 or in collaboration with, the local law enforcement agency as  
20 required by law.

21 (10) An agent or other employee of the bureau who is a  
22 peace officer shall wear and activate a body-worn camera in  
23 accordance with section 24-31-902 when conducting any  
24 public-facing part of an investigation pursuant to subsection  
25 (1)(t) of this section.

26 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal  
27 year, \$1,477,127 is appropriated to the department of public safety. This

1 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
2 department may use this appropriation as follows:

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

7 (b) \$351,068 for use by the Colorado bureau of investigation for  
8 operating costs related to laboratory and investigative services; and

9 (c) \$46,703 for use by the executive director's office for leased  
10 space.

11 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
12 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
13 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
14 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
15 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
16 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
17 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
18 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.