A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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 makes appropriations for matters related to the legislative department for the 2024-25 state fiscal year.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
SECTION 1. Appropriation. (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, $73,587,761 is appropriated to the legislative department. This appropriation consists of $71,784,409 from the general fund, $90,000 from cash funds, and $1,713,352 from reappropriated funds. The legislative department may use this appropriation as follows:

(a) $24,534,063 for use by the general assembly, which amount:
   (I) consists of $24,444,063 from the general fund and $90,000 from cash funds generated from the sale of bill boxes, legislative directories, and publications and other services provided by the print shop; and
   (II) is based on the assumption that the general assembly will have 173.4 FTE;

(b) $13,644,368 for use by the office of the state auditor, which amount:
   (I) consists of $12,072,016 from the general fund and $1,572,352 from reappropriated funds received from various departments for audits; and
   (II) is based on the assumption that the office of the state auditor will have 83.1 FTE;

(c) $2,944,915 for use by the joint budget committee, which amount is:
   (I) from the general fund; and
   (II) based on the assumption that the joint budget committee will have 20.7 FTE;

(d) $17,444,682 for use by the legislative council, which amount:
   (I) consists of $17,303,682 from the general fund and $141,000 from reappropriated funds received from the general assembly pursuant
to section 24-70-203 (1)(a), C.R.S.; and

(II) Is based on the assumption that the legislative council will have 107.3 FTE;
(e) $10,557,073 for use by the committee on legal services, which amount is:
   (I) From the general fund; and
   (II) Based on the assumption that the committee on legal services will have 64.7 FTE;
(f) $2,231,330 from the general fund for the PERA Amortization Equalization Disbursement; and
(g) $2,231,330 from the general fund for the PERA Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement.

(2) The general assembly anticipates that, during the 2024-25 state fiscal year, the tax levy on civil actions provided for in section 2-5-119, C.R.S., will return approximately $178,500 to the general fund to offset expenses of the revision of statutes by the office of legislative legal services. This figure is included for informational purposes only.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, $50,000 is appropriated to the youth advisory council cash fund created in section 2-2-1306, C.R.S. This appropriation is from the general fund. The legislative department is responsible for the accounting related to this appropriation.

SECTION 3. In Session Laws of Colorado 2023, section 1 of chapter 449, (SB23-197), amend (1)(d) as follows:

Section 1. Appropriation. (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, $67,254,584 is appropriated to the legislative department. This appropriation consists of $65,524,678 from the general fund, $90,000
from cash funds, and $1,639,906 from reappropriated funds. The legislative department may use this appropriation as follows:

(d) $14,707,340 for use by the legislative council, which amount:

(I) Consists of $14,566,340 from the general fund and $141,000 from reappropriated funds received from the general assembly pursuant to section 24-70-203 (1)(a), C.R.S.; and

(II) Is based on the assumption that the legislative council will have 102.4 FTE; AND

(III) Includes $29,000 from the general fund that, if not expended prior to July 1, 2024, is further appropriated to the legislative department for the 2024-25 state fiscal year for use by the legislative council for new legislator orientation and official functions;

SECTION 4. 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.