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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE  
102 CASH FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE USED BY THE  
103 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO INSTALL BROADBAND  
104 INFRASTRUCTURE AT CERTAIN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, AND,  
105 IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN 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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The majority of correctional facilities in the state that are operated by the department of corrections

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Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

(department) have broadband connectivity to the perimeter of the facility but lack the broadband infrastructure needed to access the broadband connection within the facility. The bill creates the broadband infrastructure cash fund (fund) in the state treasury and directs the state treasurer to transfer \$4,570,741 from the general fund to the fund on July 1, 2024. For the 2024-25 through 2026-27 state fiscal years, the money in the fund is subject to annual appropriation to the department to be used to install broadband infrastructure at specified correctional facilities.

For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, the bill appropriates \$4,570,741 from the fund to the department to be used for the implementation of the bill.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 17-1-168 as  
3 follows:

4 **17-1-168. Broadband infrastructure cash fund - created -**  
5 **repeal.** (1) (a) THE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE CASH FUND, REFERRED  
6 TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY.  
7 THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO  
8 SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE  
9 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE, TRANSFER, OR REQUIRE BY LAW  
10 TO BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

11 (b) ON JULY 1, 2024, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER  
12 FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED  
13 FORTY-ONE DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND.

14 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND  
15 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE  
16 FUND TO THE FUND.

17 (3) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND TO  
19 INSTALL BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE FOLLOWING

1 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES:

2 (a) DENVER RECEPTION AND DIAGNOSTIC CENTER;

3 (b) FREMONT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;

4 (c) DENVER WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;

5 (d) BUENA VISTA CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX; AND

6 (e) SAN CARLOS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

7 (4) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED  
8 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND ON JULY 1, 2027, TO THE  
9 GENERAL FUND.

10 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

11 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal  
12 year, \$4,570,741 is appropriated to the department of corrections. This  
13 appropriation is from the broadband infrastructure cash fund created in  
14 section 17-1-168 (1)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department  
15 may use this appropriation as follows:

16 (a) \$11,033 for use by management for health, life, and dental;

17 (b) \$95 for use by management for short-term disability;

18 (c) \$266 for use by management for paid family and medical leave  
19 insurance;

20 (d) \$5,914 for use by management for unfunded liability  
21 amortization equalization disbursement payments;

22 (e) \$4,482,661 for use by institutions for broadband infrastructure  
23 related to the maintenance subprogram;

24 (f) \$2,050 for use by institutions for start-up costs related to the  
25 superintendents subprogram;

26 (g) \$235 for use by support services for operating expenses related  
27 to the communications subprogram;

1           (h) \$200 for use by support services for operating expenses related  
2 to the information systems subprogram;

3           (i) \$66,787 for use by support services for personal services  
4 related to the facility services subprogram, which amount is based on an  
5 assumption that the department will require an additional 0.9 FTE;

6           (j) \$500 for use by support services for operating expenses related  
7 to the facility services subprogram; and

8           (k) \$1,000 for use by support services for start-up costs related to  
9 the facility services subprogram.

10           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
13 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
14 institutions.