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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

#### 101 **CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX.**

### **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 <u>http://leg.colorado.gov</u>.)

**Property tax revenue limit.** Beginning with the 2025 property tax year, **section 2** of the bill establishes a limit on specified property tax revenue for local governments (limit). This limit does not apply to local governments that are home rule local governments, school districts, have not received voter approval to exceed the statutory 5.5% property tax revenue limitation, or have not received voter approval to collect, retain, and spend revenue without regard to the limitations in section 20 of article X of the state constitution. The limit is equal to the local

governmental entity's base year qualified property tax revenue increased by 5.5% for each year since the base year including the relevant property tax year. A local government may seek voter approval to waive the limit. A local governmental entity's base year is:

- For a local governmental entity that had qualified property tax revenue for the 2023 property tax year, the local governmental entity's qualified property tax revenue for the 2023 property tax year, plus any money the local governmental entity received from the state to compensate the local governmental entity for reduced property tax revenue in the 2023 property tax year;
- For a local governmental entity that did not have qualified property tax revenue for the 2023 property tax year, the local governmental entity's qualified property tax revenue for the first year that the local governmental entity has property tax revenue; and
- The local governmental entity's qualified property tax revenue for the most recent property tax year for which the local governmental entity's voters approved temporarily waiving the limit.

If a local government property tax revenue would otherwise exceed the limit, a local government shall establish a temporary property tax credit equal to the number of mills necessary to prevent the local government's property tax revenue from exceeding the limit.

**Commercial property valuation reductions.** Under current law, for commercial property, the valuation for assessment (valuation) is 29% of the actual value of the property. **Section 3** reduces the valuation of commercial property as follows:

- For property tax year 2024, the valuation is 27.9% of the amount equal to the actual value of the property minus the lesser of \$30,000 or the amount that causes the valuation for assessment of the property to be \$1,000 (alternate amount);
- For property tax year 2025, the valuation is 27% of the actual value of the property;
- For property tax year 2026, the valuation is 26% of the actual value of the property; and
- For property tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2027, the valuation is 25% of the actual value of the property.

**Residential real property valuation reductions.** For the 2024 property tax year, **section 4** makes 2 reductions to residential real property valuation by continuing the 2023 property tax year reductions to residential real property valuation:

• For multi-family residential real property, the bill reduces

the valuation from 6.8% of the actual value of the property to 6.7% of the amount equal to the actual value of the property minus the lesser of \$55,000 or the alternate amount; and

• For all other residential real property, the bill reduces the valuation from an estimated 7.06% of the actual value of the property to 6.7% of the amount equal to the actual value of the property minus the lesser of \$55,000 or the alternate amount.

Section 5 makes a conforming amendment to the reduction for all other residential real property for the 2024 property tax year, as described in section 4.

For the 2025 property tax year, **section 4** modifies residential real property valuation so that the valuation for all residential real property is:

- For the purpose of a levy imposed by a school district, 7.15% of the actual value of the property; and
- For the purpose of a levy imposed by a local governmental entity that is not a school district, 6.7% of the actual value of the property.

For the 2026 property tax year and all future property tax years, property tax year and all future property tax years, **section 4** also reduces the valuation for all residential real property from 7.15% of the actual value of the property. For all residential real property, the valuation is:

- For the purpose of a levy imposed by a school district, the lesser of 7.15% of the actual value of the property or a percentage of the actual value of the property determined by the property tax administrator pursuant to **section 6**; and
- For the purpose of a levy imposed by a local governmental entity that is not a school district, 6.95% of the amount equal to the actual value of the property minus the lesser of 10% of the actual value of the property or \$70,000 as adjusted for inflation in the first year of each subsequent reassessment cycle.

Adjustable residential real property valuation. Section 6 requires legislative council staff to notify the property tax administrator of the first year after 2026 in which the local share of total program is equal to or greater than 60% of the total program determined pursuant to the "Public School Finance Act" (act). For every property tax year after that year, the valuation for assessment for all residential real property, for the purpose of a levy imposed by a school district, is equal to the lesser of:

- 7.15% of the actual value of the property; or
- The percentage of the actual value of the property necessary for the local share of total program to equal 60% of the total program determined pursuant to the act, based

on the best available information when the property tax administrator determines the percentage of actual value.

Reimbursement of local governments. The state reimbursed local governmental entities for property tax revenue lost as a result of the reductions in valuation enacted in Senate Bill 22-238 and Senate Bill 23B-001. Section 7 establishes a reimbursement mechanism for certain local governmental entities other than school districts to account for property tax revenue lost as a result of the reductions in valuation in the bill for the 2024 property tax year. The reimbursement mechanism requires the state to reimburse local governments in an amount equal to the decrease, if any, in assessed value between the 2022 and 2024 property tax years multiplied by the local governments' mill levy rate from the 2022 property tax year. Section 7 creates a fund out of which the state makes the reimbursements and requires the state treasurer to transfer to the fund an amount equal to one percent of the amount appropriated for expenditure from the general fund for state fiscal year 2024-25. Section 1 makes a corresponding reduction to the amount of the unrestricted general fund year-end balance that must be retained as a reserve for state fiscal year 2024-25.

**Property tax deferral program.** The existing property tax deferral program allows any person to defer the payment of the portion of real property taxes on the person's homestead that exceeds the tax-growth cap, which is an amount equal to the average of the person's real property taxes paid for the preceding 2 property tax years for the same homestead, increased by 4%. Beginning with the 2025 property tax year, section 8 removes the 4% tax-growth cap. Accordingly, beginning with the 2025 property tax year, a person may defer the payment of the portion of real property taxes on the person's homestead that exceeds the average of the person's real property taxes property taxes appropriate the person's homestead that exceeds the portion of real property taxes on the person's homestead that exceeds the average of the person's real property taxes paid for the preceding 2 property tax years for the same homestead.

| 1 | Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:         |
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| 2 | SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-201.1, amend             |
| 3 | (1)(d)(XXII) and (1)(d)(XXIII); and <b>add</b> (1)(d)(XXIV) as follows: |
| 4 | 24-75-201.1. Restriction on state appropriations - legislative          |
| 5 | declaration - definitions. (1) (d) For each fiscal year, unrestricted   |
| 6 | general fund year-end balances must be retained as a reserve in the     |
| 7 | following amounts:  |
| 8 | (XXII) For the fiscal year 2021-22, thirteen and four-tenths            |

1 percent of the amount appropriated for expenditure from the general fund 2 for that fiscal year; and 3 (XXIII) For the fiscal year 2022-23, and each fiscal year 4 thereafter, fifteen percent of the amount appropriated for expenditure 5 from the general fund for that fiscal year; AND 6 (XXIV) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR 7 THEREAFTER, FOURTEEN PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR 8 EXPENDITURE FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR. 9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 17 to article 10 1 of title 29 as follows: 11 PART 17 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMIT 12 13 **29-1-1701. Definitions.** As used in this part 17, unless the 14 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES: 15 (1) "LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY" MEANS A GOVERNMENTAL 16 ENTITY AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO IMPOSE AD VALOREM TAXES ON TAXABLE 17 PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL LIMITS; EXCEPT THAT THE 18 TERM EXCLUDES ANY: 19 (a) SCHOOL DISTRICT; 20 (b) COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN THAT HAS 21 ADOPTED A HOME RULE CHARTER: 22 (c) LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO AND HAS NOT 23 RECEIVED VOTER APPROVAL TO EXCEED THE REVENUE LIMIT SET FORTH IN 24 SECTION 29-1-301; AND 25 (d) LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT DOES NOT HAVE VOTER APPROVAL 26 TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, 27 REVENUE, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 20 OF

ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, ALL REVENUE FROM THE
 IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED IN ANY YEAR
 SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPROVAL.

4 (2) "PROPERTY TAX LIMIT" MEANS THE ANNUAL LIMIT 5 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 29-1-1702 AND CALCULATED PURSUANT TO 6 SECTION 29-1-1703 ON A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S PROPERTY TAX 7 REVENUE.

8 (3) "QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE" MEANS A LOCAL 9 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR A PROPERTY TAX 10 YEAR EXCLUSIVE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE THAT IS FROM THE 11 FOLLOWING SOURCES AND IS USED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(a) PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM THE INCREASED VALUATION
FOR ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE TAXING ENTITY FOR THE PRECEDING
PROPERTY TAX YEAR THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO NEW CONSTRUCTION AND
PERSONAL PROPERTY CONNECTED THEREWITH, AS DEFINED BY THE
PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR IN MANUALS PREPARED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 39-2-109 (1)(e);

(b) PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM THE INCREASED VALUATION
FOR ASSESSMENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO A CHANGE IN LAW FOR A PROPERTY
TAX CLASSIFICATION OR TO THE ANNEXATION OR INCLUSION OF
ADDITIONAL LAND, THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND PERSONAL
PROPERTY CONNECTED THEREWITH WITHIN THE TAXING ENTITY FOR THE
PRECEDING PROPERTY TAX YEAR;

(c) PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR PROPERTY THAT WAS OMITTED
 FROM THE ASSESSMENT ROLL IN THE PRECEDING PROPERTY TAX YEAR;

26 (d) PROPERTY TAX REVENUE ABATED OR REFUNDED BY THE LOCAL

27 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY DURING THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR;

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(e) PROPERTY TAX REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO PREVIOUSLY
 LEGALLY EXEMPT FEDERAL PROPERTY THAT BECOMES TAXABLE, IF SUCH
 PROPERTY CAUSES AN INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY
 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY;

5 (f) PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM PRODUCING MINES OR LANDS OR
6 LEASEHOLDS PRODUCING OIL OR GAS;

7 (g) AN AMOUNT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF BONDS AND THE
8 INTEREST THEREON, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY OTHER CONTRACTUAL
9 OBLIGATION THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE LOCAL
10 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S VOTERS VOTING THEREON; AND

(h) PROPERTY TAX REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY INCREASING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MILLS IT
LEVIES UPON RECEIVING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAJORITY OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S VOTERS FOR SUCH AN INCREASE IN AN ELECTION
OCCURRING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025.

16 29-1-1702. Property tax limit imposition - temporary property
17 tax credit - refund. (1) FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON AND
18 AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S QUALIFIED
19 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR A PROPERTY TAX YEAR MUST NOT INCREASE
20 BY MORE THAN THE PROPERTY TAX LIMIT.

(2) (a) TO PREVENT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S
QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM EXCEEDING THE PROPERTY TAX
LIMIT, A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S GOVERNING BODY SHALL
EITHER:

(I) ENACT A TEMPORARY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT THAT IS UP TO THE
NUMBER OF MILLS NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL
ENTITY'S QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM EXCEEDING THE

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1 PROPERTY TAX LIMIT; OR

2 (II) TEMPORARILY REDUCE THE MILL LEVY IMPOSED BY THE LOCAL
3 GOVERNMENT ENTITY.

4 (b) NEITHER A TEMPORARY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT ENACTED BY A 5 LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF 6 THIS SECTION NOR A TEMPORARY REDUCTION BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL 7 ENTITY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION OF THE MILL 8 LEVY IMPOSED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY CHANGES THE 9 UNDERLYING MILL LEVY IMPOSED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. 10 THEREFORE, REDUCING OR ELIMINATING A TEMPORARY PROPERTY TAX 11 CREDIT OR A TEMPORARY MILL LEVY REDUCTION DOES NOT REQUIRE PRIOR 12 VOTER APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 20 (4)(a) OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE 13 CONSTITUTION.

14 (3) IF A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S QUALIFIED PROPERTY
15 TAX REVENUE EXCEEDS THE PROPERTY TAX LIMIT FOR A PROPERTY TAX
16 YEAR AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY DOES NOT COMPLY WITH
17 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THEN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL
18 ENTITY SHALL REFUND ANY QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE IN EXCESS
19 OF THE PROPERTY TAX LIMIT FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR.

20 29-1-1703. Property tax limit calculation - definition. (1) A
21 LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S PROPERTY TAX LIMIT FOR A PROPERTY
22 TAX YEAR IS EQUAL TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S BASE YEAR
23 QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASED FOR EACH YEAR SINCE THE
24 BASE YEAR, INCLUDING THE RELEVANT PROPERTY TAX YEAR, BY FIVE AND
25 ONE-HALF PERCENT.

26 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
27 REQUIRES, "BASE YEAR" MEANS:

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(a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF
 THIS SECTION:

3 (I) FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT HAD QUALIFIED
4 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON
5 JANUARY 1, 2023, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S QUALIFIED
6 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON
7 JANUARY 1, 2023, PLUS ANY MONEY THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL
8 ENTITY RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-3-210; OR

9 (II) FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT DID NOT HAVE 10 QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR 11 COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S 12 QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR THE FIRST YEAR THAT THE LOCAL 13 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY HAD PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; OR

(b) FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT TEMPORARILY
WAIVES THE PROPERTY LIMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-1-1704, THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FOR
THE MOST RECENT PROPERTY TAX YEAR FOR WHICH THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TEMPORARILY WAIVED THE PROPERTY LIMIT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-1-1704.

20 **29-1-1704. Voter approval of property limit waiver.** A LOCAL 21 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S GOVERNING BODY MAY SUBMIT TO THE LOCAL 22 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE 23 LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MAY WAIVE THE PROPERTY TAX LIMIT 24 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 29-1-1702 IN CONNECTION WITH A SINGLE 25 PROPERTY TAX YEAR OR ALL FUTURE PROPERTY TAX YEARS. IF THE 26 MAJORITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S VOTERS VOTING 27 THEREON APPROVE SUCH A REQUEST, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

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IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROPERTY TAX LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
 29-1-1702 FOR THE PERIOD OF PROPERTY TAX YEARS FOR WHICH VOTERS
 APPROVED WAIVING THE PROPERTY TAX LIMIT.

4 **29-1-1705.** Prior obligations not impaired - voter-approval of 5 **mill increases.** (1) NOTHING IN THIS PART 17 IMPAIRS THE OBLIGATIONS 6 OF ANY BONDS, OR THE REFUNDING THEREOF, ISSUED BY A LOCAL 7 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR OTHERWISE INVALIDATES ANY SUCH BOND OR 8 THE OBLIGATIONS OR REFUNDING THEREOF. AS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 9 29-1-1701 (3)(g), THE IMPOSITION OF A LEVY TO PROVIDE FOR THE 10 PAYMENT OF BONDS AND THE INTEREST THEREON OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF 11 ANY OTHER CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY A 12 MAJORITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S VOTERS VOTING 13 THEREON IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX 14 LIMIT.

15 (2) NOTHING IN THIS PART 17 PREVENTS A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL 16 ENTITY FROM SUBMITTING TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S 17 ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO INCREASE THE TOTAL NUMBER 18 OF MILLS LEVIED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY AND, UPON A 19 MAJORITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S VOTERS VOTING TO 20 APPROVE SUCH A REQUEST, INCREASING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MILLS 21 LEVIED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY ACCORDINGLY. AS 22 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 29-1-1701 (3)(h), PROPERTY TAX REVENUE 23 ATTRIBUTABLE TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY INCREASING THE 24 TOTAL NUMBER OF MILLS IT LEVIES UPON RECEIVING THE APPROVAL OF 25 THE MAJORITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S VOTERS FOR SUCH 26 AN INCREASE IN AN ELECTION OCCURRING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, 27 IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX LIMIT. A

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1 LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MAY ALSO SUBMIT TO THE LOCAL 2 GOVERNMENT ENTITY'S ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO 3 INCREASE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MILLS LEVIED BY THE LOCAL 4 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE MILLS INCREASE TO 5 MATCH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S PROPERTY TAX LIMIT 6 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-1-1702 AND, UPON A MAJORITY 7 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S VOTERS VOTING TO APPROVE 8 SUCH A REQUEST, INCREASING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MILLS LEVIED BY 9 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY ACCORDINGLY.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-1-104, amend
(1.8)(b) introductory portion and (1.8)(c); and add (1.8)(b.5) as follows:

**39-1-104. Valuation for assessment - definitions.** (1.8) (b) The valuation for assessment of all nonresidential property that is not specified in subsection (1), or (1.8)(a), OR (1.8)(b.5) of this section is twenty-nine percent of the actual value thereof; except that, for the property tax year commencing on January 1, 2023, the valuation for assessment of this property is temporarily reduced to:

18 (b.5) THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR ALL PROPERTY LISTED
19 BY THE ASSESSOR UNDER ANY IMPROVED COMMERCIAL SUBCLASS CODES
20 IS:

(I) FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1,
2024, TEMPORARILY REDUCED TO TWENTY-SEVEN AND NINE-TENTHS
PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY
MINUS THE LESSER OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OR THE AMOUNT THAT
CAUSES THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY TO BE ONE
THOUSAND DOLLARS;

27 (II) FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1,

2025, TEMPORARILY REDUCED TO TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT OF THE
 ACTUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY;

3 (III) FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1,
4 2026, TEMPORARILY REDUCED TO TWENTY-SIX PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL
5 VALUE OF THE PROPERTY; AND

6 (IV) FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER
7 JANUARY 1, 2027, REDUCED TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL
8 VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

9 (c) The actual value of real and personal property specified in 10 subsection (1.8)(a), or (1.8)(b), OR (1.8)(b.5) of this section is determined 11 by the assessor and the administrator in the manner prescribed by law, 12 and a valuation for assessment percentage is uniformly applied, without 13 exception, to the actual value, so determined, of the various classes and 14 subclasses of real and personal property located within the territorial 15 limits of the authority levying a property tax, and all property taxes are 16 levied against the aggregate valuation for assessment resulting from the 17 application of the percentage.

18 SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-1-104.2, amend
19 (1)(a), (1)(b), (3)(q), and (3)(r); and add (1)(c), (1)(d), (3)(s), and (3)(t)
20 as follows:

39-1-104.2. Residential real property - valuation for
assessment - legislative declaration - definitions. (1) As used in this
section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Multi-family residential real property" means residential real
property that is a duplex, triplex, or multi-structure of four or more units,
all of which are based on the class codes established in the manual
published by the administrator. Multi-family residential real property is

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a subclass of residential real property for purposes of the ratio of
 valuation for assessment. "INFLATION" MEANS THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE
 CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF
 LABOR STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, OR A SUCCESSOR INDEX, FOR
 DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD FOR ALL ITEMS PAID BY URBAN
 CONSUMERS.

7 (b) "Target percentage" means the percentage of aggregate 8 statewide valuation for assessment represented by the valuation for 9 assessment which is attributable to residential real property in the year 10 immediately preceding the year in which a change in the level of value occurs. "Local governmental entity" means a governmental 11 12 ENTITY AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO IMPOSE AD VALOREM TAXES ON TAXABLE 13 PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL LIMITS; EXCEPT THAT THE 14 TERM EXCLUDES SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

(c) "MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY" MEANS
RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY THAT IS A DUPLEX, TRIPLEX, OR
MULTI-STRUCTURE OF FOUR OR MORE UNITS, ALL OF WHICH ARE BASED ON
THE CLASS CODES ESTABLISHED IN THE MANUAL PUBLISHED BY THE
ADMINISTRATOR. "MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY" IS A
SUBCLASS OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE RATIO
OF VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT.

(d) "TARGET PERCENTAGE" MEANS THE PERCENTAGE OF
AGGREGATE STATEWIDE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT REPRESENTED BY
THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT WHICH IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO
RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY IN THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE
YEAR IN WHICH A CHANGE IN THE LEVEL OF VALUE OCCURS.

27 (3) (q) FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER

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JANUARY 1, 2019, AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, the valuation for assessment for multi-family residential real property is 7.15 percent of the actual value of the property; for property tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2019; except that the valuation for assessment of this property is temporarily reduced as follows:

(I) For the property tax years YEAR commencing on January 1,
2022, and January 1, 2024, the valuation for assessment for multi-family
residential real property is temporarily reduced to 6.8 percent of the actual
value of the property; and

(II) For the property tax year YEARS commencing on January 1,
2023, AND JANUARY 1, 2024, the valuation for assessment for
multi-family residential real property is temporarily reduced to 6.7
percent of the amount equal to the actual value of the property minus the
lesser of fifty-five thousand dollars or the amount that causes the
valuation for assessment of the property to be one thousand dollars.

16 (r) FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER 17 JANUARY 1, 2022, AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, the valuation for 18 assessment for all residential real property other than multi-family 19 residential real property is 7.15 percent of the actual value of the property; 20 except that the valuation for assessment of this property is temporarily 21 reduced as follows:

(I) For the property tax year commencing on January 1, 2022, the
valuation for assessment for all residential real property other than
multi-family residential real property is temporarily reduced to 6.95
percent of the actual value of the property; AND

26 (II) For the property tax year YEARS commencing on January 1,
 27 2023, AND JANUARY 1, 2024, the ratio of valuation for assessment for all

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residential real property other than multi-family residential real property
is 6.7 percent of the amount equal to the actual value of the property
minus the lesser of fifty-five thousand dollars or the amount that causes
the valuation for assessment of the property to be one thousand dollars.
and

6 (III) For the property tax year commencing on January 1, 2024,
7 the ratio of valuation for assessment for all residential real property other
8 than multi-family residential real property is temporarily established as
9 the percentage calculated in accordance with section 39-1-104.4.

10 (s) (I) FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY
11 1, 2025, THE VALUATION FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY IS:

12 (A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF A LEVY IMPOSED BY A LOCAL
13 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, 6.7 PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE
14 PROPERTY; AND

15 (B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF A LEVY IMPOSED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT,
7.15 PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

(II) IF IT IS ADMINISTRATIVELY INFEASIBLE TO CALCULATE TWO
DIFFERENT VALUATIONS FOR ASSESSMENT FOR THE SAME PROPERTY BASED
ON THE SAME ACTUAL VALUE, BUT WITH TWO DIFFERENT PERCENTAGES OF
THAT ACTUAL VALUE, AN ASSESSOR MAY DETERMINE THE VALUE OF A
PROPERTY UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(s)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION BY
CALCULATING 106.716418% OF AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 6.7 PERCENT OF
THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

(t) (I) FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER
JANUARY 1,2026, THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL
REAL PROPERTY IS:

27 (A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF A LEVY IMPOSED BY A LOCAL

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GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, 6.95 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE
 ACTUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY MINUS THE LESSER OF TEN PERCENT OF
 THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY OR SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
 AS INCREASED FOR INFLATION IN THE FIRST YEAR OF EACH SUBSEQUENT
 REASSESSMENT CYCLE; AND

6 (B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF A LEVY IMPOSED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 7.15 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE 8 PROPERTY; EXCEPT THAT THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR THE 9 PURPOSE OF A LEVY IMPOSED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY BE 10 TEMPORARILY REDUCED FOR A PROPERTY TAX YEAR AS SET FORTH IN 11 SECTION 39-1-104.6.

12 (II) FOR REASSESSMENT CYCLES COMMENCING ON OR AFTER 13 JANUARY 1, 2027, THE PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PUBLISH 14 THE INFLATION ADJUSTED VALUE USED TO CALCULATE THE VALUATION 15 FOR ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(t)(I)(A) OF THIS SECTION. 16 (III) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT ANY 17 MODIFICATION TO THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT ESTABLISHED IN THIS 18 SUBSECTION (3)(t) THAT WOULD RESULT IN A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE 19 WOULD REQUIRE PRIOR VOTER APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 20 (4)(a) OF 20 ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

21 SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal 39-1-104.4 as
22 follows:

39-1-104.4. Adjustment of residential rate. (1) The valuation
 for assessment for residential real property other than multi-family
 residential real property for the property tax year commencing on January
 1, 2024, is equal to the percentage necessary for the following to equal a
 total of seven hundred million dollars:

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| 1 | (a) The aggregate reduction of local government property tax            |
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| 2 | revenue during the property tax year commencing on January 1, 2023, as  |
| 3 | a result of the changes made in Senate Bill 22-238, enacted in 2022,    |
| 4 | exclusive of any changes made in Senate Bill 23B-001, enacted in 2023,  |
| 5 | that reduced valuations for assessment set forth pursuant to sections   |
| 6 | 39-1-104 (1)(b) and (1.8)(b), 39-1-104.2 (3)(q)(II) and (3)(r)(II), and |
| 7 | <del>39-3-104.3 (2); and</del>  |
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8 (b) The aggregate reduction of local government property tax 9 revenue during the property tax year commencing on January 1, 2024, as 10 a result of the reduced valuations for assessment set forth pursuant to 11 sections 39-1-104 (1.8)(a) and 39-1-104.2 (3)(q)(I) and (3)(r)(III) for the 12 property tax year commencing on January 1, 2024.

13 (2) On or before March 21, 2024, based on the information
 14 available on that date, the property tax administrator shall submit a report
 15 to the general assembly calculating the ratio of valuation for assessment
 16 specified in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 39-1-104.6 as
follows:

39-1-104.6. Total program balancing adjustment of residential
rate - definitions. (1) FOR QUALIFYING PROPERTY TAX YEARS, THE
VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY, FOR
THE PURPOSE OF A LEVY IMPOSED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, IS EQUAL TO THE
LESSER OF:

24 (a) SEVEN AND FIFTEEN HUNDREDTHS PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL
25 VALUE OF THE PROPERTY; OR

26 (b) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY
27 NECESSARY FOR THE LOCAL SHARE OF TOTAL PROGRAM TO EQUAL SIXTY

PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PROGRAM DETERMINED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54
 OF TITLE 22 FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET YEAR DURING WHICH THE
 QUALIFYING PROPERTY TAX YEAR BEGINS, BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE
 INFORMATION WHEN THE PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES
 THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUE.

6 (2) (a) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF SHALL NOTIFY THE PROPERTY
7 TAX ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FIRST YEAR AFTER 2026 IN WHICH THE LOCAL
8 SHARE OF TOTAL PROGRAM IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN SIXTY PERCENT
9 OF THE TOTAL PROGRAM DETERMINED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 54 OF TITLE
10 22.

(b) NO LATER THAN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL
"PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE ACT", ARTICLE 54 OF TITLE 22, BECOMES LAW,
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF SHALL PROVIDE THE PROPERTY TAX
ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CALCULATE THE
BALANCING PERCENTAGE FOR A QUALIFYING PROPERTY TAX YEAR.

16 (c) NO LATER TWO WEEKS AFTER RECEIVING THE INFORMATION
17 PROVIDED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)
18 OF THIS SECTION, THE PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SUBMIT A
19 REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT CALCULATES THE BALANCING
20 PERCENTAGE.

(3) IF THE BALANCING PERCENTAGE IS LOWER THAN SEVEN AND
FIFTEEN HUNDREDTHS PERCENT, THEN FOR THAT PROPERTY TAX YEAR, THE
VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF A LEVY IMPOSED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, IS TEMPORARILY
REDUCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE
VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR THIS PROPERTY IS SEVEN AND FIFTEEN
HUNDREDTHS PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE

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NEXT PROPERTY TAX YEAR, BUT THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT MAY BE
 REDUCED AGAIN FOR THAT PROPERTY TAX YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
5 REQUIRES:

6 (a) "BALANCING PERCENTAGE" MEANS THE PERCENTAGE OF THE
7 ACTUAL VALUE OF ALL RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN
8 SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (b) "QUALIFYING PROPERTY TAX YEAR" MEANS A PROPERTY TAX
10 YEAR COMMENCING AFTER LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF HAS PROVIDED
11 THE PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE NOTICE DESCRIBED IN
12 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 39-3-211 as
follows:

15 39-3-211. Reporting of assessed value reductions reimbursement of local governmental entities - local governmental
entity backfill cash fund - creation - legislative declaration definitions - repeal. (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES
THAT:

(a) MOST SCHOOL DISTRICTS RELY ON A COMBINATION OF STATE
AND LOCAL SOURCES OF REVENUE TO PAY FOR TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING;
(b) STATE REVENUE MAKES UP THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE
FULL AMOUNT OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AND
THE AMOUNT OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING THAT
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PAYS FOR WITH ITS PROPERTY TAX REVENUE;
(c) THE AMOUNT OF STATE REVENUE NECESSARY TO MAKE UP THE

26 (c) THE AMOUNT OF STATE REVENUE NECESSARY TO MAKE UP THE
 27 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FULL AMOUNT OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S TOTAL

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PROGRAM FUNDING AND THE AMOUNT OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S TOTAL
 PROGRAM FUNDING THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PAYS FOR WITH ITS
 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE IS ANNUALLY DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL
 ASSEMBLY IN THE ANNUAL "PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE ACT", ARTICLE 54
 OF TITLE 22.

6 (d) THEREFORE, IT IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S EXPECTATION AND
7 INTENT THAT, ALTHOUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX REVENUE IS
8 REDUCED BY THIS SENATE BILL 24-\_\_\_\_, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL
9 INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF STATE REVENUE THAT IT ANNUALLY
10 DISTRIBUTES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OR INCREASE
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING; AND

12 (e) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL REIMBURSE LOCAL
13 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT RELY ON PROPERTY TAX REVENUE OTHER
14 THAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AT LEAST IN PART, THROUGH THE
15 REIMBURSEMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

16 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
17 REQUIRES:

18 (a) "COUNTY" INCLUDES A CITY AND COUNTY.

(b) "FUND" MEANS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY BACKFILL
CASH FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

(c) "LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY" MEANS A GOVERNMENTAL
ENTITY AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO IMPOSE AD VALOREM TAXES ON TAXABLE
PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL LIMITS; EXCEPT THAT THE
TERM EXCLUDES SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

25 (3) FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1,
26 2024, EACH ASSESSOR SHALL:

27 (a) CALCULATE THE DECREASE, IF ANY, IN THE TOTAL ASSESSED

VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
 WITHIN THE ASSESSOR'S COUNTY BETWEEN THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR
 COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2022, AND THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR
 COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024; AND

(b) DETERMINE EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S MILLLEVY
FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2022,
EXCLUDING ANY MILLS LEVIED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF BONDS
AND INTEREST THEREON OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY OTHER
CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S VOTERS VOTING THEREON.

11 (4) NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2025, AN ASSESSOR SHALL REPORT 12 THE AMOUNTS CALCULATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS 13 SECTION, AS APPLICABLE, THE BASIS FOR THE AMOUNTS, AND THE MILL 14 LEVIES DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION TO 15 THE ADMINISTRATOR. THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY REQUIRE AN ASSESSOR 16 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS NECESSARY TO EVALUATE THE 17 ACCURACY OF THE AMOUNTS REPORTED. THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL 18 CONFIRM THAT THE REPORTED AMOUNTS ARE CORRECT OR RECTIFY THE 19 AMOUNTS IF NECESSARY. THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL THEN FORWARD THE 20 CORRECT AMOUNTS FOR A COUNTY TO THE STATE TREASURER TO ENABLE 21 THE STATE TREASURER TO ISSUE A REIMBURSEMENT WARRANT TO A 22 TREASURER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

(5) (a) NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2025, THE STATE TREASURER
SHALL ISSUE A WARRANT, TO BE PAID UPON DEMAND FROM THE FUND, TO
EACH TREASURER THAT IS EQUAL TO THE TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT
AMOUNTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION FOR ALL LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WITHIN THE TREASURER'S COUNTY.

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1 (b) EACH TREASURER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE TOTAL AMOUNT 2 RECEIVED FROM THE STATE TREASURER TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL 3 ENTITIES, EXCLUDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WITHIN THE TREASURER'S 4 COUNTY AS IF THE AMOUNT HAD BEEN REGULARLY PAID AS PROPERTY TAX 5 SO THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES RECEIVE THE AMOUNTS 6 DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION. WHEN DISTRIBUTING THE TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM THE STATE 7 8 TREASURER, EACH TREASURER SHALL PROVIDE EACH LOCAL 9 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY WITH A STATEMENT OF THE AMOUNT 10 DISTRIBUTED TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT REPRESENTS 11 THE REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED UNDER SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (6) (a) FOR EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT HAD A 13 DECREASE IN TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE 14 PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2022, TO THE 15 PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2024, THE AMOUNT OF 16 REIMBURSEMENT IS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THAT DECREASE IN TOTAL 17 ASSESSED VALUE MULTIPLIED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S 18 MILL LEVY FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 19 2022, EXCLUDING ANY MILLS LEVIED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF 20 BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY OTHER 21 CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF 22 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S VOTERS VOTING THEREON.

(b) THE REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION
ARE BASED ON THE AMOUNTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS TO THE
TREASURER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (7) (a) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY BACKFILL CASH FUND
27 IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF

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MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION
 (7)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL
 INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF
 MONEY IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY BACKFILL CASH FUND TO
 THE FUND.

6 (b) ON APRIL 1, 2025, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
7 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE
8 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EXPENDITURE FROM THE
9 GENERAL FUND FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25.

10 (c) THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS AVAILABLE FOR THE STATE
11 TREASURER TO PAY THE WARRANTS REQUIRED TO BE ISSUED IN
12 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

13 (d) AFTER ISSUING EVERY WARRANT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
14 SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT
15 ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND
16 AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR TO THE GENERAL FUND.

17 (8) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2026.

18 SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-3.5-101, amend
19 (3.5) as follows:

39-3.5-101. Definitions. As used in this article 3.5, unless the
context otherwise requires:

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(3.5) "Tax-growth cap" means:

(a) FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS COMMENCING BEFORE JANUARY 1,
2025, an amount equal to the average of a person's real property taxes
paid on the same homestead for the two property tax years preceding the
year a deferral is claimed, increased by four percent; AND

27 (b) FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER

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JANUARY 1, 2025, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE OF A PERSON'S
 REAL PROPERTY TAXES PAID ON THE SAME HOMESTEAD FOR THE TWO
 PROPERTY TAX YEARS PRECEDING THE YEAR A DEFERRAL IS CLAIMED.

4 **SECTION 9. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, 5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate 6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for 7 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state 8 institutions.