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STATE OF COLORADO**

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SENATE BILL 25-098

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT**
102 **OF LAW.**

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>.)

Supplemental appropriations are made to the department of law.

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

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
2nd Reading Unamended
February 12, 2025

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 6, 2025

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
February 5, 2025

1 **SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of law for the**
2 **fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2024,
3 section 2 of chapter 519, (HB 24-1430), **amend** Part XI as follows:

4 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	PART XI						
2	DEPARTMENT OF LAW						
3							
4	(1) ADMINISTRATION						
5	Personal Services	6,018,145				6,018,145 ^a	
6						(59.9 FTE)	
7	Office of Community						
8	Engagement	1,539,147	1,058,830		480,317 ^b		
9		(14.0 FTE)					
10	Health, Life, and Dental	8,997,572	2,293,302		1,496,414 ^c	4,989,274 ^d	218,582(I) ^e
11	Short-term Disability	112,933	27,748		16,808 ^c	65,850 ^d	2,527(I) ^e
12	Paid Family and Medical						
13	Leave Insurance	338,797	83,244		50,424 ^c	197,549 ^d	7,580(I) ^e

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Unfunded Liability						
2	Amortization Equalization						
3	Disbursement Payments	7,528,824	1,849,860		1,120,534 ^c	4,389,980 ^d	168,450(I) ^e
4	Salary Survey for Classified						
5	Employees	583,068	157,840		206,081 ^c	193,621 ^d	25,526(I) ^e
6	Salary Survey for Exempt						
7	Employees	2,717,146	623,492		220,716 ^c	1,848,438 ^d	24,500(I) ^e
8	Step Pay	2,212,783	493,191		258,943 ^c	1,444,080 ^d	16,569(I) ^e
9	PERA Direct Distribution	1,398,718	345,060		214,256 ^c	839,402 ^d	
10	Workers' Compensation	241,118	62,827		31,756 ^c	138,519 ^d	8,016(I) ^e
11	Attorney Registration and						
12	Continuing Legal Education	201,977	38,995		5,123 ^c	155,816 ^d	2,043(I) ^e
13	Operating Expenses	243,805				243,805 ^a	
14	Legal Services	197,609	76,507		121,102 ^f		

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Administrative Law Judge						
2	Services	517			517 ^c		
3	Payment to Risk Management						
4	and Property Funds	468,794	122,155		61,742 ^c	269,313 ^d	15,584(I) ^e
5	Vehicle Lease Payments	95,901	39,401		15,500 ^c	33,100 ^d	7,900(I) ^e
6	Information Technology Asset						
7	Maintenance	1,369,433	356,828		180,366 ^c	786,714 ^d	45,525(I) ^e
8	Ralph L. Carr Colorado						
9	Judicial Center Leased Space	3,701,935	964,602		487,574 ^c	2,126,693 ^d	123,066(I) ^e
10	Payments to OIT	1,368,687	356,635		180,267^c	786,285^d	45,500(I)^e
11		1,380,760	359,881		181,817 ^c	793,172 ^d	45,890(I) ^e
12	Digital Trunk Radio	25,884	13,587		7,270 ^c	5,027 ^d	
13	CORE Operations	12,030	3,134		1,584 ^c	6,912 ^d	400(I) ^e

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1 Attorney General							
2 Discretionary Fund	5,000		5,000				
3		39,379,823					
4		39,391,896					
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6 ^a Of these amounts, \$5,969,558 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S., and \$292,392
7 shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S.

8 ^b This amount shall be from the ~~Safe2Tell Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-610 (1), C.R.S.~~ CUSTODIAL MONEY AND INCLUDES AN (I) NOTATION, CUSTODIAL MONEY RECEIVED BY THE
9 ATTORNEY GENERAL IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION, BUT THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH MONEY MAY BE INDICATED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT. EXPENDITURES
10 FROM CUSTODIAL MONEY DO NOT CONSTITUTE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

11 ^c Of these amounts, \$836,137(I) shall be from custodial money, \$42,857 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 24-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and ~~\$3,676,881~~
12 \$3,678,431 shall be from various sources of cash funds. Pursuant to Section 24-31-108 (5), C.R.S., custodial money received by the Attorney General is not subject to annual
13 appropriation, but the expenditure of such money may be indicated in the annual general appropriation act. Expenditures from custodial money do not constitute fiscal year spending
14 for the purposes of Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

15 ^d These amounts shall be from various sources of reappropriated funds.

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

1 ^e These amounts shall be from the federal Medicaid Fraud Control Program administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and are shown for informational purposes
2 only.

3 ^f This amount shall be from the P.O.S.T. Board Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-303 (2)(b), C.R.S.

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5 **(2) LEGAL SERVICES TO STATE AGENCIES⁷³**

6 Personal Services	56,065,265						
	54,808,865						
	(353.1 FTE)						
9 Operating and Litigation	2,993,441						
10 Indirect Cost Assessment	5,731,983						
		64,790,689			2,190,242 ^a	62,600,447 ^b	
		63,534,289				61,344,047 ^b	

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APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

1 ^a Of this amount, \$1,990,242 shall be from funds that are received for the provision of legal services and that are credited to the Legal Services Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-108
2 (4), C.R.S., and \$200,000 shall be from the Attorney Fees and Costs Account created in Section 24-31-108 (3), C.R.S. The cash funds appropriation from the Legal Services Cash Fund
3 reflects funds received from state entities for which there is not a corresponding appropriation made in this act for the purchase of legal services. The Attorney General is authorized
4 to transfer spending authority between cash and reappropriated fund sources appropriated within this section (2), but the Attorney General shall not increase total spending authority
5 for the line item appropriations within this section (2).

6 ^b This amount shall be from funds that are received for the provision of legal services and that are credited to the Legal Services Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-108 (4), C.R.S. The
7 reappropriated funds appropriation reflects funds received from state agencies for which there is a corresponding appropriation made in this act for the purchase of legal services. The
8 Attorney General is authorized to transfer spending authority between cash and reappropriated fund sources appropriated within this section (2), but the Attorney General shall not increase
9 total spending authority for the line item appropriations within this section (2).

11 **(3) CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND APPELLATE**

12 Special Prosecutions Unit	6,262,995	3,402,246		1,901,380 ^a	959,369 ^b	
13		(23.1 FTE)		(15.4 FTE)	(7.4 FTE)	
14 Auto Theft Prevention Grant	203,299				203,299(I) ^c	
15					(1.0 FTE)	

		APPROPRIATION FROM					
	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Appellate Unit	5,767,426		4,651,424			1,116,002 ^d
2		(41.6 FTE)					
3	Peace Officers Standards and						
4	Training Board Support	6,235,595			6,235,595 ^e		
5					(16.0 FTE)		
6	Indirect Cost Assessment	592,885			491,203 ^f	101,682 ^b	
7		<u>19,062,200</u>					

9 ^a This amount shall be from the Insurance Fraud Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-104.5 (2), C.R.S.

10 ^b These amounts shall be transferred from the Department of Regulatory Agencies from the Securities Fraud Prosecution line item in the Division of Securities section. These amounts
11 originate as cash funds from the Division of Securities Cash Fund pursuant to Section 11-51-707 (2), C.R.S.

12 ^c This amount shall be transferred from the Department of Public Safety from the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority line item in the Colorado State Patrol section, from a grant
13 awarded pursuant to Section 42-5-112 (3), C.R.S. This amount is shown for informational purposes only because grant funds are continuously appropriated to the Department pursuant
14 to Section 24-31-108 (2)(b), C.R.S.

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

1 ^d Of this amount, \$1,031,006 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S., and \$84,996(I)
2 shall be transferred from the Department of Public Safety from the State Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement Program line item in the Division of Criminal Justice, Victims
3 Assistance section, pursuant to Section 24-33.5-506 (1)(c), C.R.S.

4 ^e Of this amount, \$5,198,829 shall be from the P.O.S.T. Board Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-303 (2)(b), C.R.S., and \$1,036,766 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created
5 in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

6 ^f Of this amount, \$250,295 shall be from the P.O.S.T. Board Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-303 (2)(b), C.R.S., and \$240,908 shall be from the Insurance Fraud Cash Fund created
7 in Section 24-31-104.5 (2), C.R.S.

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9 **(4) WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

10 Federal and Interstate Water

11 Unit	1,420,026		1,420,026			
12			(10.3 FTE)			

13 Defense of the Colorado River

14 Basin Compact	1,036,399			1,036,399 ^a		
15				(3.5 FTE)		

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Defense of the Republican						
2	River Compact	110,000			110,000 ^a		
3	Consultant Expenses	475,000			475,000 ^b		
4	Comprehensive						
5	Environmental Response,						
6	Compensation and Liability						
7	Act	625,474				625,474 ^c	
8						(3.5 FTE)	
9	Indirect Cost Assessment	54,752				54,752 ^c	
10			3,721,651				

12 ^a These amounts shall be from the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Litigation Fund created in Section 37-60-121 (2.5)(a), C.R.S.

13 ^b Of this amount, \$425,000 shall be from the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Litigation Fund created in Section 37-60-121 (2.5)(a), C.R.S., and \$50,000 shall be from the Attorney
 14 Fees and Costs Account created in Section 24-31-108 (3), C.R.S.

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	° These amounts shall be transferred from the Department of Public Health and Environment from the Transfer to the Department of Law for CERCLA-Related Costs line item in the						
2	Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division, Contaminated Site Cleanups and Remediation Programs section. These amounts originate as cash funds from the Hazardous						
3	Substance Response Fund and are transferred pursuant to Section 25-16-104.5 (1.7)(a)(III), C.R.S.						
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5	(5) CONSUMER PROTECTION PROTECTION,						
6	ANTITRUST, AND CIVIL RIGHTS						
7	Consumer Protection and						
8	Antitrust PROTECTION,						
9	ANTITRUST, AND CIVIL						
10	RIGHTS	6,661,522		3,026,116		3,452,360 ^a	183,046 ^b
11		(44.6 FTE)					
12	Consumer Credit Unit	2,715,818				2,715,818 ^c	
13						(25.0 FTE)	
14	False Claims Recovery Act						
15	Reimbursements	300,000				300,000 ^d	

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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Patterns and Practices	490,118	490,118				
2			(3.0 FTE)				
3	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit	3,725,239	931,310				2,793,929(I) ^e
4			(9.0 FTE)				(19.0 FTE)
5	Indirect Cost Assessment	1,121,633			769,656 ^f	23,465 ^b	328,512(I) ^e
6		15,014,330					

^a Of this amount, \$2,587,229(I) shall be from custodial money, \$583,000 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and \$282,131 shall be from the Tobacco Settlement Defense Account of the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund created in Section 24-22-115 (2)(a), C.R.S. Pursuant to Section 24-31-108 (5), C.R.S., custodial money received by the Attorney General is not subject to annual appropriation but the expenditure of such money may be indicated in the annual general appropriation act. Expenditures from custodial money do not constitute fiscal year spending for the purposes of Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

^b These amounts shall be transferred from the Department of Regulatory Agencies from the Mortgage Broker Consumer Protection line item in the Division of Real Estate. These amounts originate as cash funds from the Division of Real Estate Cash Fund created in Section 12-10-215 (2)(a)(II)(B), C.R.S., and are transferred pursuant to Section 12-10-719, C.R.S.

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\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

1 ^c Of this amount, \$2,340,823 shall be from the Consumer Credit Unit Cash Fund created in Section 5-2-302 (11)(a), C.R.S., \$374,995(I) shall be from the Student Loan Ombudsperson
2 and Student Loan Servicer Licensing Fund created in Section 5-20-104 (3)(a), C.R.S. Appropriations from the Consumer Credit Unit Cash Fund are shown for informational purposes
3 only because they are continuously appropriated pursuant Section 5-2-302 (11)(a), C.R.S. and appropriations from the Student Loan Ombudsperson and Student Loan Servicer Licensing
4 Fund are shown for informational purposes only because they are continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 5-20-104 (3)(c), C.R.S.

5 ^d This amount shall be from the False Claims Recovery Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-1209(1), C.R.S.

6 ^e These amounts shall be from the federal Medicaid Fraud Control Program administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and are shown for informational purposes
7 only.

8 ^f Of this amount, \$328,512(I) shall be from the Consumer Credit Cash Fund created in Section 5-2-302 (11)(a), C.R.S., \$300,353(I) shall be from custodial money, \$62,574(I) shall be
9 from the Student Loan Ombudsperson and Student Loan Servicer Licensing Fund created in Section 5-20-104 (3)(a), C.R.S., \$46,930 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created
10 in Section 29.28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and \$31,287 shall be from the Tobacco Settlement Defense Account of the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund created in Section 24-22-115
11 (2)(a), C.R.S., pursuant to Section 24-31-108 (5), C.R.S. Custodial money received by the Attorney General is not subject to annual appropriation, but the expenditure of such money
12 may be indicated in the annual general appropriation act. Expenditures from custodial money do not constitute fiscal year spending for the purposes of Section 20 of Article X of the
13 State Constitution. Appropriations from the Consumer Credit Unit Cash Fund are shown for informational purposes only because they are continuously appropriated pursuant Section
14 5-2-302 (11)(a), C.R.S. and appropriations from the Student Loan Ombudsperson and Student Loan Servicer Licensing Fund are shown for informational purposes only as they are
15 continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 5-20-104 (3)(c), C.R.S.

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1							
2	(6) SPECIAL PURPOSE						
3	District Attorneys' Salaries	2,878,674	2,878,674				
4	Deputy District Attorney						
5	Training	350,000	350,000				
6	District Attorney						
7	Assistance for Bond						
8	Hearings Grants	600,000	600,000				
9	Litigation Management	200,000			200,000 ^a		
10	Tobacco Litigation	100,000			100,000 ^b		
11	CORA OML Attorney	109,174	109,174				
12			(1.0 FTE)				
13		4,237,848					
14							

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	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	^a This amount shall be from either excess earnings credited to the Legal Services Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-108 (4), C.R.S., or from the Attorney Fees and Costs Account created						
2	pursuant to Section 24-31-108 (3), C.R.S.						
3	^b This amount shall be from the Tobacco Settlement Defense Account of the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund created in Section 24-22-115 (2)(a), C.R.S. Expenditures from						
4	the Tobacco Settlement Defense Account of the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund do not constitute fiscal year spending for the purposes of Section 20 of Article X of the State						
5	Constitution.						
6							
7							
8	TOTALS PART XI						
9	(LAW)	\$146,206,541	\$26,831,326		\$25,134,947 ^a	\$90,406,059 ^b	\$3,834,209 ^c
10		<u>\$144,962,214</u>	<u>\$26,834,572</u>		<u>\$25,136,497^a</u>	<u>\$89,156,546^b</u>	<u>\$3,834,599^c</u>

12 ^a Of this amount, ~~\$2,941,948~~ \$4,970,117 contains an (I) notation.

13 ^b Of this amount, ~~\$172,300~~ \$288,295 contains an (I) notation.

14 ^c This amount contains an (I) notation.

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\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

FOOTNOTES -- The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

73 Department of Law, Legal Services to State Agencies -- In making this appropriation, it is the General Assembly's intent that hourly billing rates charged by the Department for legal services to state agencies not exceed \$142.09 per hour for attorneys and not exceed \$95.25 per hour for legal assistants, which equates to a blended legal rate of \$133.74 per hour.

1 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
4 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
5 institutions.