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SENATE BILL 25-135

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE COLORADO GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AUTHORITY.**

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 creates the Colorado government efficiency authority (authority). The authority is governed by a board consisting of the following appointees:

- One representative of the private sector with business experience with state contracts, appointed by the governor;
- One representative of the private sector with experience as a chief financial officer or legal advisor, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

- One representative of the private sector with experience in energy and environmental work, appointed by the president of the senate;
- One representative of the private sector with experience in transportation, appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;
- One representative of the private sector with experience in health care or real estate, appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
- The staff director of the joint budget committee, or the staff director's designee, as a nonvoting advisory member;
- The director of the office of state planning and budgeting, or the director's designee, as a nonvoting advisory member; and
- The state auditor, or the state auditor's designee, as a nonvoting advisory member.

Members of the board serve without compensation for any service provided to the authority and do not receive any reimbursement from the board for expenses incurred in furtherance of the board's responsibilities.

The board is charged with:

- Examining every state-funded state agency and state department's operations, personnel, and mission to determine whether the state agency or state department is maximizing the efficient use of state money and resources;
- Identifying efficiencies in state government that would result in cost savings and improved provision of government services;
- Working with the federal government to implement federal directives designed to increase government efficiency and reduce government costs;
- Providing recommendations to the governor and general assembly about implementing efficiencies in state government, leveraging money from the federal government, and implementing federal directives;
- Holding public hearings that solicit input from the public about increasing efficiencies in state government; and
- Developing a process for members of the public to make ongoing recommendations related to state government efficiency, which recommendations will be reviewed by the authority.

The authority may accept gifts, grants, donations, and federal money to pay for the authority's operations. The authority is not funded by a state agency or state department.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 24-1-139** as
3 follows:

4 **24-1-139. Government efficiency authority - creation - duties**
5 **and powers - government efficiency fund.** (1) THERE IS CREATED THE
6 COLORADO GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AUTHORITY, ALSO REFERRED TO IN
7 THIS SECTION AS THE "AUTHORITY", WHICH IS A BODY CORPORATE AND A
8 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE. THE AUTHORITY IS NOT AN AGENCY
9 OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE
10 DIRECTION BY ANY STATE AGENCY.

11 (2) (a) THE POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY ARE VESTED IN A BOARD
12 OF DIRECTORS CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

13 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH BUSINESS
14 EXPERIENCE WITH STATE CONTRACTS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

15 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH
16 EXPERIENCE AS A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR LEGAL ADVISOR,
17 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

18 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH
19 EXPERIENCE IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK, APPOINTED BY THE
20 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

21 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH
22 EXPERIENCE IN TRANSPORTATION, APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER
23 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

24 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH
25 EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH CARE OR REAL ESTATE, APPOINTED BY THE
26 MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE;

27 (VI) THE STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE, OR

1 THE STAFF DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, AS A NONVOTING ADVISORY MEMBER;

2 (VII) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND
3 BUDGETING, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, AS A NONVOTING ADVISORY
4 MEMBER; AND

5 (VIII) THE STATE AUDITOR, OR THE STATE AUDITOR'S DESIGNEE,
6 AS A NONVOTING ADVISORY MEMBER.

7 (b) THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED TO THREE-YEAR TERMS;
8 EXCEPT THAT THREE OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY
9 1, 2026, SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS. EACH MEMBER
10 CONTINUES IN OFFICE UNTIL THE MEMBER'S SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.
11 INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY MUST BE APPOINTED NO LATER THAN
12 JANUARY 1, 2026.

13 (c) ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD,
14 THAT MEMBER'S SUCCESSOR MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE RESPECTIVE
15 APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS; EXCEPT THAT, IN
16 THE CASE OF A VACANCY, THE RESPECTIVE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL
17 APPOINT A PERSON TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED
18 TERM.

19 (3) (a) EACH BOARD MEMBER WHO IS NOT AN ADVISORY MEMBER
20 SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS AT THE TIME OF
21 APPOINTMENT AND THROUGHOUT THE MEMBER'S TERM OF OFFICE:

22 (I) RESIDENCY IN THIS STATE; AND

23 (II) DEMONSTRATION OF ACTIVE INTEREST IN STREAMLINING
24 GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, COST MANAGEMENT, AND REDUCING
25 GOVERNMENT WASTE.

26 (b) THE RESPECTIVE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL IMMEDIATELY
27 DECLARE THE OFFICE OF ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO IS NOT AN

1 ADVISORY MEMBER VACANT WHENEVER THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY
2 FINDS THAT THE MEMBER NO LONGER MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS SET
3 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION OR THAT THE MEMBER IS
4 UNABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE.

5 (c) MEMBERS SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION FOR ANY SERVICE
6 PROVIDED TO THE AUTHORITY AND DO NOT RECEIVE ANY REIMBURSEMENT
7 FROM THE BOARD FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FULFILLING THEIR
8 RESPONSIBILITIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

9 (4) THE BOARD MAY:

10 (a) EXAMINE EVERY STATE-FUNDED STATE AGENCY AND STATE
11 DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL, AND MISSION TO DETERMINE
12 WHETHER THE STATE AGENCY OR STATE DEPARTMENT IS MAXIMIZING THE
13 EFFICIENT USE OF STATE MONEY AND RESOURCES;

14 (b) IDENTIFY EFFICIENCIES IN STATE GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD
15 RESULT IN COST SAVINGS AND IMPROVED PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT
16 SERVICES;

17 (c) WORK WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT
18 FEDERAL DIRECTIVES DESIGNED TO INCREASE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY
19 AND REDUCE GOVERNMENT COSTS;

20 (d) DEVELOP, ADOPT, AND IMPLEMENT A PROCESS TO FUND AND
21 EXPEND MONEY FOR THE ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD;

22 (e) ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS, INCLUDING
23 PERSONAL SERVICES, AND MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
24 SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD. WHEN
25 EXPENDING MONEY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL
26 GIVE PRIORITY TO LEVERAGING FEDERAL MONEY THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE
27 TO FURTHER THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY;

1 (f) PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY ABOUT IMPLEMENTING EFFICIENCIES IN STATE GOVERNMENT,
3 LEVERAGING MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND
4 IMPLEMENTING FEDERAL DIRECTIVES;

5 (g) HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT SOLICIT INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC
6 ABOUT INCREASING EFFICIENCIES IN STATE GOVERNMENT; AND

7 (h) DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE
8 ONGOING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO STATE GOVERNMENT
9 EFFICIENCY, WHICH RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE
10 AUTHORITY.

11 (5) THE AUTHORITY, CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, IS NOT
12 FUNDED BY OR THROUGH ANY STATE AGENCY OR STATE DEPARTMENT.

13 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
16 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
17 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
18 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
19 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.