

CHAPTER 379

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 00-1215

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also SENATORS Arnold, Blickensderfer, Dennis, Dyer, Feeley, Teck, Weddig, Pascoe, Chlouber, Hernandez, Powers, Reeves, and Thiebaut.

AN ACT

CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE STATE CONTRIBUTION FOR EMPLOYEES ENROLLED IN GROUP BENEFIT PLANS, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. 24-50-609, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

24-50-609. State contributions - repeal. (1) Effective January 1, 1994, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2000, the state of Colorado shall contribute an amount necessary to pay one hundred forty-eight dollars and fifteen cents per month per single employee, one hundred eighty-four dollars and twenty-nine cents per month per employee with one covered dependent, and two hundred fifty-eight dollars and twenty-nine cents per month per employee with two or more covered dependents for each employee enrolled in group benefit plans ~~which~~ THAT include enrollment in medical benefits. For purposes of this section, the term "employee" does not include elected state officials who do not receive compensation other than expense reimbursements from state funds.

(2) EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2000, THE STATE OF COLORADO SHALL CONTRIBUTE AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS PER MONTH PER SINGLE EMPLOYEE, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE WITH ONE COVERED DEPENDENT, AND THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE WITH TWO OR MORE COVERED DEPENDENTS FOR EACH EMPLOYEE ENROLLED IN GROUP BENEFIT PLANS THAT INCLUDE ENROLLMENT IN MEDICAL BENEFITS. ON DECEMBER 1, 2001, AND ON DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIRECTOR SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) BE ADJUSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHANGE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE DENVER-BOULDER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL THE STATE CONTRIBUTION EXCEED THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR IN THE ANNUAL TOTAL COMPENSATION SURVEY PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-50-104 (4). FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "EMPLOYEE" DOES NOT INCLUDE ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION OTHER THAN EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS FROM STATE FUNDS.

SECTION 2. Appropriations - adjustments in 2000 long bill. For the implementation of section 24-50-609 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, shall be increased by the sum of five million one hundred fourteen thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars (\$5,114,683). Said increases shall be derived from such sources as detailed in the following table:

DEPARTMENT	General Fund	Cash Funds	Cash Funds Exempt	Federal Funds	Total
Agriculture	23,709	33,625	0	570	57,904
Corrections	1,222,843	3,155	35,995	0	1,261,993
Education	68,662	2,597	2,431	0	73,690
Governor	8,757	0	9,008	735	18,500
Health Care Policy and Financing	12,325	0	0	13,630	25,955
Higher Education	19,415	3,335	2,194	0	24,944
Human Services	531,426	4,532	217,189	80,458	833,605
Judicial	505,815	20,110	0	0	525,925
Labor and Employment	0	37,032	11,140	92,544	140,716
Law	19,531	2,184	37,959	1,376	61,050
Legislature	50,624	0	0	0	50,624
Local Affairs	28,374	1,210	1,767	9,217	40,568
Military Affairs	6,228	0	0	11,666	17,894
Natural Resources	118,171	129,157	22,244	26,349	295,921

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Personnel	42,028	249	54,813	0	97,090
Public Health and Environment	29,287	38,825	43,517	37,723	149,352
Public Safety	38,123	6,630	193,852	6,658	245,263
Regulatory Agencies	3,735	71,609	10,701	0	86,045
Revenue	163,628	7,594	73,652	3,477	248,351
State	0	12,670	0	0	12,670
Transportation	1,280	2,560	70,393	768,568	842,801
Treasury	3,822	0	0	0	3,822
Total	2,897,783	377,074	786,855	1,052,971	5,114,683

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, only if the employer contribution rate reduction specified in section 24-51-401 (1.7), Colorado Revised Statutes, in House Bill 00-1458 is enacted at the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second General Assembly, becomes law, and becomes effective on July 1, 2000.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 2, 2000