

## CHAPTER 323

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**CORRECTIONS**

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**SENATE BILL 01-084**

BY SENATOR(S) Perlmutter;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Witwer, Boyd, Jahn, Kester, Mace, Scott, and Weddig.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE INMATE DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM.

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

**SECTION 1.** 17-24-124 (3) and (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**17-24-124. Inmate disaster relief program - legislative declaration.** (3) There is hereby established in the division the inmate disaster relief program, referred to in this section as the "program". The purpose of the program shall be to establish one or more inmate disaster relief crews composed of inmates from minimum restrictive, or minimum security facilities. AN INMATE SHALL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF EARNED TIME PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-22.5-405 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE DAY OF EARNED TIME FOR EVERY DAY SPENT AT THE SITE OF A DISASTER. An inmate disaster relief crew may be utilized by the state or by local or federal governmental agencies that apply to the division for assistance.

(6) The department is authorized to solicit, accept, and expend grants, donations, gifts, and other moneys to defer the costs of equipping and training one or more inmate disaster relief crews. The program shall not be implemented or made available to other agencies until sufficient moneys are available from appropriations, grants, donations, gifts, and other moneys to cover the costs of equipping and training at least one inmate disaster relief crew. ~~It is the intent of the general assembly that no general fund revenues be used for this program.~~

**SECTION 2.** 17-22.5-405, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

**17-22.5-405. Earned time.** (3.5) IN ADDITION TO THE EARNED TIME DEDUCTED

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

PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, AN INMATE WORKING AT A DISASTER SITE PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-24-124 SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ADDITIONAL EARNED TIME IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE DAY OF EARNED TIME FOR EVERY DAY SPENT AT A DISASTER SITE.

**SECTION 3. 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 5, 2001