

## CHAPTER 351

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**GOVERNMENT - STATE**

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**HOUSE BILL 02-1468**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Berry, Young, Saliman, Cloer, Groff, Hoppe, Jahn, Kester, Marshall, Rippey, Spradley, Tapia, and Williams S.;  
also SENATOR(S) Tate, Reeves, Owen, Arnold, Chlouber, Phillips, and Thiebaut.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE STATE CONTRIBUTION FOR EMPLOYEES ENROLLED IN GROUP BENEFIT PLANS THAT INCLUDE ENROLLMENT IN MEDICAL BENEFITS, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 24-50-609 (1), (2) (a) (II), (2) (b) (II), and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**24-50-609. State contributions.** (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 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) (a) (II) Effective December 1, 2000, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2002, for employees who are elected state officials who receive compensation other than expense reimbursements from state funds, 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.

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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.*

(b) (II) Effective December 1, 2002, ~~for employees other than elected state officials who receive compensation other than expense reimbursements from state funds;~~ the state of Colorado shall contribute an amount necessary to pay ~~one hundred sixty dollars~~ ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS per month per single employee, ~~two hundred thirty dollars~~ TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS per month per employee with one covered dependent, and ~~three hundred sixteen dollars~~ THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS per month per employee with two or more covered dependents for each employee enrolled in group benefit plans that include enrollment in medical benefits. THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II) MAY BE ADJUSTED FOR FUTURE YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) (a) (I) ~~On December 1, 2002, and on December 1 of each year thereafter~~ AUGUST 1, 2002, the director shall recommend to the joint budget committee of the general assembly that the contribution amounts specified in subparagraph (II) of ~~paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section and~~ paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section be adjusted in THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR in accordance with the change in the consumer price index for the ~~Denver-Boulder~~ DENVER-BOULDER-GREELEY metropolitan statistical area for the preceding calendar year. ~~but~~

(II) ON AUGUST 1, 2003, AND ON AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIRECTOR SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BE ADJUSTED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHANGE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE DENVER-BOULDER-GREELEY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

(b) IF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETERMINES THAT THE STATE CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION OR IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT SHOULD BE ADJUSTED, ANY SUCH ADJUSTMENTS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) AND SHALL COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 1 OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO WHICH THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT APPLIES. THE AMOUNT OF THE MONTHLY STATE CONTRIBUTION PER SINGLE EMPLOYEE, PER EMPLOYEE WITH ONE COVERED DEPENDENT, AND PER EMPLOYEE WITH TWO OR MORE COVERED DEPENDENTS, AS ADJUSTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (b), SHALL BE SPECIFIED IN A HEADNOTE IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE ADJUSTED AMOUNTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

(c) 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).

**SECTION 2.** Section 3 of chapter 4, Session Laws of Colorado 2001, Second Extraordinary Session, is REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

Section 3. **Appropriations - adjustments in 2001 long bill.** For the implementation of section 24-50-609 (2) (b) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, for the state contribution for health, life, and dental plans for state employees, shall be increased by the sum of three million three hundred forty-one dollars (\$3,000,341). Said sum shall be derived from cash funds exempt from the undesignated fund balance for medical plans in the group benefit plans reserve fund created in section 24-50-613, Colorado Revised Statutes, and such other fund sources as described in, and allocated as detailed in, the following table:

DEPARTMENT	Cost Per Agency in FY 2001-02				
	GROUP BENEFITS PLAN RESERVE FUND	CASH FUNDS	CASH FUNDS EXEMPT	FEDERAL FUNDS	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Agriculture	13,634	15,848	0	333	29,815
Corrections	827,042	2,565	24,619	0	854,226
Education	23,780	1,542	1,491	311	27,124
Governor	6,624	0	1,247	120	7,991
Health Care Policy and Financing	3,620	0	44	3,952	7,616
Higher Education	198,776	193,127	12,202	0	404,105
Human Services	520,915	8,774	226,931	133,849	890,469
Judicial	208,484	10,026	0	0	218,510
Labor and Employment	0	14,403	3,781	37,543	55,727
Law	6,401	116	10,948	276	17,741
Legislature	11,817	0	0	0	11,817
Local Affairs	8,066	365	1,196	1,928	11,555
Military Affairs	1,891	0	0	3,153	5,044
Natural Resources	27,384	57,990	7,936	8,223	101,533
Personnel	19,026	0	487	26,892	46,405
Public Health and Environment	12,778	16,917	19,182	4,190	53,067
Public Safety	89,406	3,065	5,556	4,252	102,279
Regulatory Agencies	1,350	22,985	3,813	0	28,148
Revenue	55,937	1,973	48,193	0	106,103
State	0	4,351	13	0	4,364

DEPARTMENT	Cost Per Agency in FY 2001-02				
	GROUP BENEFITS PLAN RESERVE FUND	CASH FUNDS	CASH FUNDS EXEMPT	FEDERAL FUNDS	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Transportation	0	264	15,372	0	15,636
Treasury	1,066	0	0	0	1,066
Total	2,037,997	354,311	383,011	225,022	3,000,341

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DEPARTMENT	Cost Per Agency in FY 2002-03					
	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND	CASH FUNDS EXEMPT	FEDERAL FUNDS	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Agriculture	6,281	9,030	0	0	162	15,473
Corrections	310,471	1,632	0	9,202	0	321,305
Education	12,786	791	0	948	7,157	21,682
Governor	4,813	0	0	739	92	5,644
Health Care Policy and Financing	3,780	0	0	31	4,311	8,122

DEPARTMENT	Cost Per Agency in FY 2002-03					
	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND	CASH FUNDS EXEMPT	FEDERAL FUNDS	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Arts Council, and Historical Society	5,657	1,097	0	581	0	7,335
Human Services	147,168	829	0	56,258	26,451	230,706
Judicial	138,131	3,656	0	3,722	0	145,509
Labor and Employment	0	13,689	0	2,260	29,930	45,879
Law	6,053	127	0	10,172	335	16,687
Legislature	15,248	0	0	0	0	15,248
Local Affairs	7,038	352	0	459	1,744	9,593
Military Affairs	1,434	0	0	0	1,810	3,244
Natural Resources	22,619	16,588	0	37,485	2,439	79,131
Personnel	10,423	321	0	15,031	0	25,775
Public Health and Environment	6,780	10,046	0	9,350	2,122	28,298
Public Safety	12,558	2,452	47,336	2,714	3,310	68,370
Regulatory Agencies	1,167	19,629	0	3,016	0	23,812
Revenue	46,257	2,040	7,368	10,586	0	66,251
State	0	4,705	0	0	0	4,705
Transportation	0	201	0	0	113	314
Treasury	1,192	0	0	0	0	1,192
Total	759,856	87,185	54,704	162,554	79,976	1,144,275

**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.

Became Law: June 8, 2002