

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB22-080 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 9.

2 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

3 Page 2, strike lines 24 through 26.

4 Strike page 3 and substitute:

5 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-1236  
6 as follows:

7 **24-33.5-1236. Fire origin and cause investigation fund -**  
8 **created.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE  
9 FIRE ORIGIN AND CAUSE INVESTIGATION FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS  
10 SECTION AS THE "FUND". THE FUND CONSISTS OF ANY MONEY THAT MAY  
11 BE APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ALL PRIVATE  
12 AND PUBLIC MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS  
13 THAT ARE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER AND CREDITED TO THE  
14 FUND, AND MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
15 (4) OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST  
16 AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN  
17 THE FUND TO THE FUND. THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY  
18 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS  
19 SECTION.

20 (2) THE DIVISION SHALL USE THE MONEY IN THE FUND TO:

21 (a) FUND STATE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING SUPPORT TO  
22 LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE AND ORIGIN OF  
23 FIRES;

24 (b) REIMBURSE FIRE INVESTIGATORS WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYED BY  
25 THE DIVISION BUT ARE ACTING UNDER THE DIRECTION AND COORDINATION  
26 OF THE DIVISION AT AN ESTABLISHED RATE FOR ASSISTING IN FIRE CAUSE  
27 AND ORIGIN INVESTIGATIONS OUTSIDE OF JURISDICTION;

28 (c) ENSURE FIRE ORIGIN AND CAUSE DATA IS ACCURATELY  
29 COLLECTED, ANALYZED, AND DISSEMINATED; AND

30 (d) UTILIZE THE DATA COLLECTED AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION  
31 TO MORE EFFECTIVELY PREVENT OR MITIGATE FUTURE FIRES.

32 (3) THE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO  
33 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

34 (4) ON JULY 1, 2022, AND ON EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, , THE  
35 STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER THREE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE  
36 GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND FOR USE BY THE DIVISION AS SET FORTH IN  
37 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

1           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."

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