

CHAPTER 130

GOVERNMENT - STATE

SENATE BILL 25-265

BY SENATOR(S) Bridges and Kirkmeyer, Amabile, Gonzales J., Liston, Lundeen, Marchman, Pelton B., Simpson, Weissman;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Bird and Taggart, Sirota.

AN ACT

**CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED CASH FUNDS TO CASH FUNDS
SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND, IN CONNECTION
THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6-921, **amend** (4)(b) as follows:

26-6-921. Civil penalties - fines - child welfare cash fund - created.

(4) (b) The balance as of July 1, 2022, in the child care cash fund, created pursuant to section 26-6-114 (5), as it existed prior to July 1, 2022, that is attributable to fines and civil penalties collected by the division in the department that is responsible for child welfare is ~~hereby~~ transferred to the child welfare cash fund, which fund is ~~hereby~~ created in the state treasury. The treasurer shall credit all interest derived from the deposit and investment of money in the child welfare cash fund to the fund. At the end of a fiscal year, all unexpended and unencumbered money in the child welfare cash fund remains in the fund and is not credited or transferred to the general fund or any other fund. ~~Money in the child welfare cash fund is continuously appropriated to~~ SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, the department MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE CHILD WELFARE CASH FUND to fund activities related to the improvement of the quality of child care in the state of Colorado.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-7-129, **amend** (3)(e) as follows:

25-7-129. Disposition of fines - community impact cash fund - repeal.

(3) (e) ~~Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to~~ SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, the department MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND to accomplish the purposes set forth in this subsection (3).

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-2-125, **amend** (2.5)(b)(II) as follows:

39-2-125. Duties of the board - board of assessment appeals cash fund - creation - accelerated appeal cash fund. (2.5) (b) The board of assessment appeals may charge a fee to a taxpayer whose appeal is advanced pursuant to this subsection (2.5). The fee must be:

(II) Deposited in the accelerated appeal cash fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. The state treasurer shall credit all interest and income derived from the deposit and investment of money in the fund to the fund. ~~Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to~~ SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, the board of assessment appeals MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND to defray the costs associated with advancing a taxpayer's appeal.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-12-1110, **amend** (1) as follows:

38-12-1110. Mobile home park act dispute resolution and enforcement program fund. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the mobile home park act dispute resolution and enforcement program fund. All money collected pursuant to the program must be deposited in the fund. The fund shall be used by the division for the costs associated with administering the program. ~~The money in the fund shall be continuously appropriated for administering~~ SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE DIVISION MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND TO ADMINISTER the program. All interest and income derived from the investment and deposit of money in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Any unexpended and unencumbered money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not be credited or transferred to the general fund or another fund.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-2502, **amend** (2)(e) as follows:

24-33.5-2502. Office of public safety communications - public safety communications revolving fund - creation. (2) (e) ~~Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to~~ SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, the office MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND to pay the direct and indirect costs, including personal services and operating costs, associated with administering public safety communications.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-2304, **amend** (4) as follows:

24-30-2304. Revolving fund - definition. (4) ~~Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to~~ SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, the department MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND to be used for the purposes specified in subsection (2) of this section.

SECTION 7. Appropriation. For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$284,167 is appropriated to the department of human services for use by the division of child

welfare. This appropriation is from the child welfare cash fund created in section 26-6-921 (4)(b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for child welfare licensing.

SECTION 8. Effective date. This act takes effect July 1, 2025.

SECTION 9. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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