

Second Regular Session  
Seventy-second General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

INTRODUCED

LLS NO. 20-0933.01 Ed DeCecco x4216

HOUSE BILL 20-1262

---

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Esgar and McCluskie,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Moreno and Zenzinger, Rankin

---

House Committees  
Appropriations

Senate Committees

---

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR  
102 PERSONS TRANSITIONING FROM THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE  
103 JUSTICE SYSTEM.

---

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The housing assistance for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice system cash fund (cash fund), which is administered by the division of housing in the department of local affairs (division), currently includes reversions from unspent general fund appropriations to the division of criminal justice. The bill

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

repeals these reversions and replaces it with money that the division receives from the department of corrections or the department of human services from amounts the general assembly appropriated to those departments for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice system. The bill also adds explicit authority for the general assembly to appropriate this money to the departments of corrections and human services.

---

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-27-108, **repeal**  
3 (7)(a) as follows:

4           **17-27-108. Division of criminal justice of the department of**  
5 **public safety - duties - community corrections contracts.**

6 ~~(7) (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for the fiscal year~~  
7 ~~commencing July 1, 2016, and for each fiscal year thereafter, any money~~  
8 ~~appropriated from the general fund to the division of criminal justice for~~  
9 ~~the purposes of this article 27 that is unexpended or unencumbered as of~~  
10 ~~the close of that fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund, and the~~  
11 ~~state treasurer and the controller shall transfer such money to the housing~~  
12 ~~assistance for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice~~  
13 ~~system cash fund created pursuant to section 24-32-721 (4)(d).~~

14           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 17-33-102 as  
15 follows:

16           **17-33-102. Appropriation - persons transitioning from**  
17 **criminal justice system - use by division of housing.** THE GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING  
19 SUPPORT FOR PERSONS TRANSITIONING FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
20 SYSTEM, WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DIVISION OF  
21 HOUSING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS FOR THE DIVISION OF  
22 HOUSING TO USE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

1           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 19-2-928 as  
2 follows:

3           **19-2-928. Appropriation - persons transitioning from juvenile**  
4 **justice system - use by division of youth services.** THE GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
6 SERVICES FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES TO SUPPORT  
7 JUVENILES TRANSITIONING FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, WHICH  
8 THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DIVISION OF  
9 HOUSING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS FOR THE DIVISION OF  
10 HOUSING TO USE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

11           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-721, **amend**  
12 (4)(d) as follows:

13           **24-32-721. Colorado affordable housing construction grants**  
14 **and loans - housing development grant fund - creation - housing**  
15 **assistance for persons with behavioral, mental health, or substance**  
16 **use disorders - cash fund - appropriation - report to general assembly**  
17 **- definition.** (4) (d) There is created in the state treasury the housing  
18 assistance for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice  
19 system cash fund, referred to in this subsection (4) as the "cash fund". The  
20 cash fund consists of ~~all money transferred to the fund pursuant to section~~  
21 ~~17-27-108 (7) and all~~ money that the general assembly appropriates to the  
22 cash fund IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (4)(e) OF THIS SECTION AND  
23 MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATES FOR HOUSING  
24 SUPPORT FOR PERSONS TRANSITIONING FROM THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE  
25 JUSTICE SYSTEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OR TO THE  
26 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF YOUTH  
27 SERVICES AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OR DEPARTMENT

1 OF HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS  
2 FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF HOUSING FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. Subject to  
3 annual appropriation by the general assembly, the division may expend  
4 money in the cash fund for the purposes set forth in this subsection (4).  
5 All interest earned from the investment of money in the cash fund is  
6 credited to the cash fund. All money not expended at the end of the fiscal  
7 year remains in the cash fund, does not revert to the general fund or any  
8 other fund, and remains available for expenditure by the division in the  
9 next fiscal year for the purposes of this subsection (4) without further  
10 appropriation.

11 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.