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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT CRIME PREVENTION**
102 **INITIATIVE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

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 justice reinvestment crime prevention initiative (initiative) is administered by the division of local government (division) in the department of local affairs (department) to expand small business lending and provide grants aimed at reducing crime and promoting community development. The initiative consists of

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the targeted crime reduction grant program, which provides funding to eligible entities for programs, projects, or direct services aimed at reducing crime and promoting community development in certain target communities, and a statewide business and entrepreneurship training and grant program for justice-system-involved persons.

Currently, the targeted crime reduction grant program cash fund (fund) is continuously appropriated to the department for the purposes of these 2 grant programs. The bill specifies that for state fiscal year 2023-24 and subsequent fiscal years, the department may expend money from the fund subject to annual appropriation and that the department may use any remaining appropriated money during the year following the year for which the general assembly appropriated the money.

The bill specifies that the statewide business and entrepreneurship training and grant program for justice-system-involved persons will be repealed on September 1, 2024.

The department may expend money from the justice reinvestment initiative expansion account (account) in the fund for the purposes of expanding the targeted crime reduction grant program to Grand Junction and Trinidad and to implement the grant program for justice-system-involved persons. Currently, the state treasurer is required to transfer any money remaining in the account to the general fund on July 1, 2023, and the account will be repealed on September 1, 2023. The bill changes the repeal date of the account to September 1, 2024, and requires the state treasurer to transfer any money remaining in the account to the fund on July 1, 2024. The bill specifies that the department may expend the transferred money for the targeted crime reduction grant program and the grant program for justice-system-involved persons.

Finally, the bill clarifies that the initiative is repealed, effective September 1, 2027, and that the department of regulatory agencies will review the initiative for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment before the initiative is repealed.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-120, **amend**
3 (2)(i)(III), (2)(i)(III.3)(D), (2)(i)(III.5), and (3); and **add** (2.5)(g) as
4 follows:

5 **24-32-120. Justice reinvestment crime prevention initiative -**
6 **program - rules - cash funds - reports - repeal.** (2) (i) (III) THROUGH
7 STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, money in the fund is continuously

1 appropriated to the department of local affairs for the grant program
2 developed pursuant to this subsection (2) and subsection (2.5) of this
3 section. FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 AND SUBJECT TO ANNUAL
4 APPROPRIATION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND
5 FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2)
6 AND (2.5) OF THIS SECTION, AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE, FOR THE
7 PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(i)(III), ANY MONEY
8 APPROPRIATED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND THAT REMAINS IN THE
9 FUND AT THE END OF STATE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 DURING STATE FISCAL
10 YEAR 2024-25. FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL
11 YEARS AND SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
12 EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM DEVELOPED
13 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AND THE DEPARTMENT
14 MAY USE, FOR THE PURPOSE SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(i)(III), ANY
15 MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND THAT REMAINS IN THE FUND DURING
16 THE FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATED THE MONEY.

18 (III.3) There is hereby created a special account within the fund
19 to be known as the justice reinvestment initiative expansion account. On
20 June 30, 2021, the state treasurer shall transfer three million five hundred
21 thousand dollars from the general fund to the account. Money in the
22 account is continuously appropriated to the department to be used by the
23 department as set forth in this subsection (2)(i)(III.3) and subsection
24 (2)(i)(III.5) of this section. The state treasurer shall credit all interest and
25 income derived from the deposit and investment of money in the account
26 to the account. In state fiscal year 2021-22, the department may use one
27 million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars in the account as follows:

1 (D) This subsection (2)(i)(III.3) is repealed, effective ~~September~~
2 ~~1, 2023~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.

3 (III.5) (A) In state fiscal year 2022-23 AND STATE FISCAL YEAR
4 2023-24, the department may use any remaining money in the account for
5 the same purposes and in the percentages set forth in subsection
6 (2)(i)(III.3) of this section. On ~~July 1, 2023~~ JULY 1, 2024, the state
7 treasurer shall transfer any unexpended and unencumbered money
8 remaining in the account to the ~~general~~ fund.

9 (B) This subsection (2)(i)(III.5) is repealed, effective ~~September~~
10 ~~1, 2023~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.

11 (2.5) (g) THIS SUBSECTION (2.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE
12 SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.

13 (3) ~~Subsections (2) and (2.5) of this section and this subsection (3)~~
14 ~~are~~ THIS SECTION IS repealed, effective September 1, 2027. Before such
15 repeal, the department of regulatory agencies shall review the justice
16 reinvestment crime prevention initiative pursuant to section 24-34-104.

17 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2023-24 state fiscal year,
18 \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the department of local affairs. This
19 appropriation is from reappropriated funds in the targeted crime reduction
20 grant program cash fund created in section 24-32-120 (2)(i)(I), C.R.S. To
21 implement this act, the department of local affairs may use this
22 appropriation for crime prevention initiative grants.

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