



Memorandum

To: Joint Budget Committee Members
From: Kelly Shen, JBC Staff (303-866-5434)
Date: March 19, 2026
Subject: Potential Legislation Packet 7

If the Committee would like to approve a bill draft for introduction, the motion should include:

- Approve for introduction in the House as a JBC bill LLS 25-XXXX;
- When the bill should be run (with the Long Bill package or otherwise);
- Prime sponsors and co-sponsors; and
- Grant staff permission to make technical changes.

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Potential Legislation

Judicial – Amanda Bickel

LLS 26-0950 Fix Incorrect Citation Judicial Stabilization FundP-1

Public Health and Environment – Kelly Shen

LLS 26-0903 Eliminate Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education Grant ProgramP-3

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LLS NO. 26-0950.01 Owen Hatch x2698

COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Fix Incorrect Citation Judicial Stabilization Fund

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A CORRECTION TO A CITATION FOR BOND FORFEITURE**
102 **MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE JUDICIAL STABILIZATION CASH FUND.**

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 bill corrects a statutory reference related to depositing bond forfeiture money in the judicial stabilization cash fund.

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

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-4-111, **amend** (7)
2 as follows:

3 **16-4-111. Disposition of security deposits upon forfeiture or**
4 **termination of bond.**

5 (7) ~~On and after July 1, 2008, all moneys~~ ALL MONEY collected
6 from payment toward a judgment entered for the state pursuant to
7 ~~paragraph (b) of subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (3) of this section shall be
8 transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the judicial stabilization
9 cash fund created in section 13-32-101 (6). ~~C.R.S.~~

10 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
13 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
14 institutions.



Memorandum

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From: Kelly Shen, JBC Staff (303-866-5434)
Date: March 12, 2026
Subject: Clarification for LLS 26-0903

During figure setting for the Department of Public Health and Environment, the committee approved eliminating the comprehensive human sexuality education (CHSE) program and drafting a corresponding bill draft to do so.

During the discussion, the committee asked questions about if the appropriation could be removed without requiring a bill or eliminating the program. Statutory change is needed to remove the appropriation. But the discussion was unclear if the committee also wanted to remove the entire program.

Staff wants to clarify – is the committee's intent to eliminate the entire program in statute, or only remove the requirement to make an appropriation?

The program existed, unfunded, prior to the requirement to make an appropriation that was added through H.B. 19-1032. As such, Section 25-44-102 (7), C.R.S. states that "...the department is not required to implement the provisions of this article 44 until sufficient money has been received or appropriated". The program is also authorized to accept federal money and gifts, grants, and donations.

Staff proposes two options for the committee:

1. Eliminate the program from statute. This is how the attached bill is drafted.
2. Remove the \$1.0 million appropriation requirement from statute, but keep the unfunded program in statute. This would involve:
 - Removing 25-44-104(1), C.R.S. that requires the General Assembly to appropriate \$1.0 million annually. "(1) Beginning in the 2019-20 budget year and each budget year thereafter, the general assembly shall annually appropriate at least one million dollars to the department for the comprehensive human sexuality education grant program."
 - All remaining language in Article 44 "Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education Grant Program" would remain unchanged.

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Elim Comprehensive Human Sexuality Educ Grant Prog
DEADLINES: File by: 3/20/2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ELIMINATING THE COMPREHENSIVE HUMAN SEXUALITY**
102 **EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION**
103 **THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. The bill eliminates the comprehensive human sexuality education grant program.

The bill reduces the appropriation made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of public health and environment for comprehensive sexual education.

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** article 44 of
3 title 25.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-128, **repeal** (12)
5 as follows:

6 **22-1-128. Comprehensive human sexuality education -**
7 **legislative declaration - definitions - guidelines and content**
8 **standards.**

9 (12) ~~A school district, board of cooperative services, charter~~
10 ~~school, or institute charter school may seek grant money pursuant to~~
11 ~~article 44 of title 25 to implement the comprehensive human sexuality~~
12 ~~education content requirements set forth in this section. However,~~
13 ~~compliance with this section is not contingent upon receipt of grant~~
14 ~~money pursuant to article 44 of title 25, nor is it contingent on receipt of~~
15 ~~any other state or federal funds, or public or private gifts, grants, or~~
16 ~~donations.~~

17 **SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

18 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this
19 act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual general
20 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of
21 public health and environment for use by the prevention services division
22 for comprehensive sexual education is decreased by \$1,010,453, and the
23 related FTE is decreased by 1.3 FTE.

24 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of
25 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27
26 state fiscal year if:

1 (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the
2 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the
3 department of public health and environment for use by the prevention
4 services division for comprehensive sexual education is less than the
5 amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

6 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state
7 fiscal year does not include a general fund appropriation from the
8 department of public health and environment for use by the prevention
9 services division for comprehensive sexual education.

10 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2026;
11 except that section 3 of this act takes effect only if the annual general
12 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which
13 case section 3 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the
14 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever
15 is later.

16 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
19 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
20 institutions.