



Memorandum

To: Joint Budget Committee Members
From: Kelly Shen, JBC Staff (303-866-5434)
Date: March 20, 2026
Subject: Potential Legislation Packet 8

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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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Repeal Behavioral Health Services

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
102 SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN
103 APPROPRIATION.

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. The bill repeals the requirement for the behavioral health administration to contract with an independent third-party entity to provide services and supports to a behavioral health provider seeking to become a self-sustaining behavioral health safety net provider.

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The bill repeals the building substance use disorder treatment capacity in underserved communities grant program and the recovery support services grant program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 27-50-305,
3 27-80-120, and 27-80-126.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-50-101, **amend**
5 (6); and **add** (17.5) as follows:

6 **27-50-101. Definitions.**

7 As used in this article 50, unless the context otherwise requires:

8 (6) "Behavioral health provider" means a recovery community
9 organization, ~~as defined in section 27-80-126~~, a recovery support services
10 organization, as defined in section 27-60-108, or a licensed organization
11 or professional providing diagnostic, therapeutic, or psychological
12 services for behavioral health conditions. Behavioral health providers
13 include a residential child care facility, as defined in section 26-6-903
14 (29), and a federally qualified health center.

15 (17.5) "RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN
16 INDEPENDENT, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LED AND GOVERNED BY
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF RECOVERY THAT ORGANIZE
18 RECOVERY-FOCUSED POLICY ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES, CARRY OUT
19 RECOVERY-FOCUSED COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS,
20 OR PROVIDE PEER-RUN RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-50-105, **repeal**
22 (1)(ee) and (1)(ii) as follows:

23 **27-50-105. Administration of behavioral health programs -**
24 **state plan - sole mental health authority - gifts, grants, or donations.**

1 (1) The BHA shall administer and provide the following
2 behavioral health programs and services:

3 (ee) ~~The building substance use disorder treatment capacity in~~
4 ~~underserved communities grant program created pursuant to section~~
5 ~~27-80-120;~~

6 (ii) ~~The recovery support services grant program created pursuant~~
7 ~~to section 27-80-126;~~

8 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-301, **amend**
9 (3) as follows:

10 **27-60-301. Definitions.**

11 As used in this part 3, unless the context otherwise requires:

12 (3) "Behavioral health provider" means a recovery community
13 organization, as defined in ~~section 27-80-126~~ SECTION 27-50-101, a
14 recovery support services organization, as defined in section 27-60-108,
15 or a licensed organization or professional that provides diagnostic,
16 therapeutic, or psychological services for behavioral health conditions.
17 Behavioral health providers include a residential child care facility, as
18 defined in section 26-6-903 (29), and a federally qualified health center,
19 as defined in the federal "Social Security Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 1395x
20 (aa)(4).

21 **SECTION 5. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

22 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this
23 act, the appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for
24 the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of human services for use
25 by the behavioral health administration for treatment and detoxification
26 programs is decreased by \$3,500,000, which amount consists of \$500,000
27 from the general fund and \$3,000,000 from the marijuana tax cash fund

1 created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

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

5 (a) The general fund appropriation made in the annual general
6 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of
7 human services for use by the behavioral health administration for
8 treatment and detoxification programs is less than the amount of the
9 adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

10 (b) The marijuana tax cash fund appropriation made in the annual
11 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the
12 department of human services for use by the behavioral health
13 administration for treatment and detoxification programs is less than the
14 amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

15 (c) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state
16 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of human
17 services for use by the behavioral health administration for treatment and
18 detoxification programs.

19 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, to
20 implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual
21 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the
22 department of human services for use by the behavioral health
23 administration for the recovery support services grant program is
24 decreased by \$1,600,000, and the related FTE is decreased by 1.0 FTE.

25 (4) (a) If the general fund appropriation made in the annual
26 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the
27 department of human services for use by the behavioral health

1 administration for the recovery support services grant program is an
2 amount less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (3)
3 of this section, the general fund appropriation is decreased to \$0.

4 (b) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state
5 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of human
6 services for use by the behavioral health administration for the recovery
7 support services grant program, then subsection (3) of this section does
8 not require a reduction of an appropriation in the annual general
9 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

10 **SECTION 6. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;
11 except that section 5 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 5 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or the annual
14 general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever is later.

15 **SECTION 7. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
18 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
19 institutions.

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Changes to Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund
DEADLINES: File by: 3/27/2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE USE OF MONEY FROM THE BROADBAND**
102 **INFRASTRUCTURE 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 adds the Trinidad correctional facility, the Arkansas Valley correctional facility, and the Arrowhead correctional facility to the list of correctional facilities eligible to receive money from the broadband infrastructure cash fund.

The bill extends the repeal date of the cash fund to July 1, 2028.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-1-168, **amend**
3 (3)(e) and (5); and **add** (3)(g), (3)(h), and (3)(i) as follows:

4 **17-1-168. Broadband infrastructure cash fund - created -**
5 **repeal.**

6 (3) Subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly, the
7 department may expend money from the fund to install broadband
8 infrastructure at the following correctional facilities:

9 (e) San Carlos correctional facility; ~~and~~

10 (g) TRINIDAD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;

11 (h) ARKANSAS VALLEY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; AND

12 (i) ARROWHEAD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

13 (5) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2027~~ JULY 1, 2028.

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

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Repeal Local Accountability System Grant Program

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM**
102 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. The bill repeals the local accountability system grant program on July 1, 2027.

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 22-11-703.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-702, **repeal** (2)

3 as follows:

4 **22-11-702. Definitions.**

5 As used in this part 7, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (2) ~~"Grant program" means the local accountability system grant~~
7 ~~program established in section 22-11-703.~~

8 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-704, **amend**

9 (1)(a) introductory portion as follows:

10 **22-11-704. Local accountability systems - supplemental**
11 **performance reports - alternatively formatted plans.**

12 (1) (a) A local education provider that chooses to implement a
13 local accountability system may submit to the department a supplemental
14 performance report for the local education provider and for each public
15 school operated by the local education provider. ~~A district charter school~~
16 ~~is not required to participate in the authorizing school district's~~
17 ~~supplemental accountability system or in related reporting unless the~~
18 ~~charter school chooses to participate with the authorizing school district~~
19 ~~in a grant application pursuant to section 22-11-703.~~ The supplemental
20 performance report supplements the information that is submitted by the
21 local education provider and included on the performance reports
22 described in section 22-11-503. The supplemental performance report
23 may include information concerning achievement of:

24 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-705, **amend**

25 (2) introductory portion and (2)(a); and **repeal** (5) and (6) as follows:

26 **22-11-705. Local accountability systems - report.**

27 (2) On or before January 15, 2021, and on or before January 15
28 each year thereafter, the department shall prepare and submit to the state

1 board and the education committees of the house of representatives and
2 the senate, or any successor committees, a report concerning the
3 implementation of local accountability systems. ~~including a report of the~~
4 ~~implementation of the grant program.~~ The report must include, but need
5 not be limited to:

6 (a) Identification of the local education providers that are
7 implementing local accountability systems; ~~including identification of~~
8 ~~those that receive grants through the grant program and the amount of~~
9 ~~each grant awarded;~~

10 (5) (a) (I) ~~In the third year of the grant program, the department~~
11 ~~shall contract with an external evaluator, which may be a state institution~~
12 ~~of higher education, to prepare a summary evaluation report of the~~
13 ~~implementation of the local accountability systems that receive grants.~~
14 ~~The evaluation must, at a minimum, include an evaluation of the success~~
15 ~~of each local accountability system in evaluating student success and the~~
16 ~~processes for ensuring a cycle of continuous improvement within the~~
17 ~~public schools of the participating local education providers. At the~~
18 ~~annual meeting held pursuant to subsection (1) of this section at the end~~
19 ~~of the first year of the grant program, the department, participating local~~
20 ~~education providers, and the accountability system partners shall identify~~
21 ~~the goals, tools, and measures to be addressed by the summary evaluation~~
22 ~~report. The data used for the summary evaluation report must include~~
23 ~~qualitative and quantitative measures.~~

24 (II) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (5)(a)(I) of this~~
25 ~~section to the contrary, as a result of the suspension of funding for the~~
26 ~~local accountability system grant program during the 2020-21 budget~~
27 ~~year, the 2020-21 budget year is not considered a grant program year for~~
28 ~~purposes of determining the third year of the grant program.~~

1 ~~(b) For purposes of the summary evaluation report, the department~~
2 ~~shall provide to the external evaluator information concerning the scores~~
3 ~~attained by students enrolled by the participating local education~~
4 ~~providers on the statewide assessments administered pursuant to section~~
5 ~~22-7-1006.3 and information concerning student longitudinal academic~~
6 ~~growth, student academic achievement, and student academic growth to~~
7 ~~standards for the students enrolled by the participating local education~~
8 ~~providers. The department shall provide the information in the aggregate~~
9 ~~by grade level and disaggregated by student group, as defined in section~~
10 ~~22-11-103, compared to scores attained in previous school years and~~
11 ~~compared to the state average scores. The department shall provide the~~
12 ~~information to the external evaluator only to the extent allowable under~~
13 ~~federal and state law. Each local education provider that participates in~~
14 ~~the grant program shall provide any necessary data for purposes of the~~
15 ~~summary evaluation report described in subsection (5)(a) of this section~~
16 ~~that is not readily available to the department.~~

17 ~~(c) Beginning with the report that is submitted on or before~~
18 ~~January 15, 2023, and for each report submitted thereafter, the department~~
19 ~~shall include in the report described in subsection (2) of this section the~~
20 ~~summary evaluation report described in this subsection (5).~~

21 ~~(d) The department may accept and expend gifts, grants, or~~
22 ~~donations to pay the costs incurred in preparing the summary evaluation~~
23 ~~report described in this subsection (5).~~

24 ~~(6) Notwithstanding the requirement in section 24-1-136~~
25 ~~(11)(a)(I), the requirement to submit the report specified in this section~~
26 ~~continues indefinitely.~~

27 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-2102, **amend** (2)
28 introductory portion and (2)(d)(II); and **repeal** (2)(d)(III) as follows:

1 **2-2-2102. Accountability, accreditation, student performance,**
2 **and resource inequity task force - appointments - meetings.**

3 (2) The task force members must be appointed on or before July
4 1, 2023. Following the appointment of the task force members pursuant
5 to this subsection (2), the speaker of the house of representatives shall
6 appoint the chairperson, and the president of the senate shall appoint the
7 vice-chairperson. The task force consists of ~~twenty-six~~ TWENTY-FIVE
8 members, and task force members are appointed as follows:

9 (d) The senate minority leader shall appoint the following
10 members:

11 (II) One teacher who teaches in a rural school district; AND

12 (III) ~~One superintendent who represents a rural school district that~~
13 ~~participates in the local accountability system grant program established~~
14 ~~in section 22-11-703 and who has experience as a school district~~
15 ~~superintendent in Colorado public schools; and~~

16 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-2103, **repeal**
17 (1)(b)(III) as follows:

18 **2-2-2103. Accountability, accreditation, student performance,**
19 **and resource inequity task force - duties - report.**

20 (1) (b) To support the considerations of the task force set forth in
21 subsection (1)(a) of this section, the task force may review:

22 (III) ~~The results of the local accountability system grant program~~
23 ~~created in section 22-11-703;~~

24 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
25 takes effect July 1, 2027; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
26 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this
27 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
28 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,

1 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
2 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
3 effect July 1, 2027.

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Eliminate Limited Gaming Fund Transfer
DEADLINES: File by: 2/6/2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ELIMINATING A TRANSFER FROM THE LIMITED GAMING**
102 **FUND TO THE INNOVATIVE HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH FUND.**

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. Under current law, the state treasurer is required to annually transfer \$2.1 million from the limited gaming fund to the innovative higher education research fund.

The bill eliminates the transfer.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-19.7-104, **amend**
3 (1) introductory portion and (1)(c); and **repeal** (1)(d) as follows:

4 **23-19.7-104. Innovative higher education research fund -**
5 **funding.**

6 (1) There is ~~hereby~~ created in the state treasury the innovative
7 higher education research fund, which ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of:

8 (c) ~~Any moneys~~ MONEY received pursuant to section 23-19.7-103
9 (1)(j); AND

10 (d) ~~Any money transferred pursuant to section 44-30-701 (2); and~~

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-30-701, **repeal**
12 (2)(a)(IV) as follows:

13 **44-30-701. Limited gaming fund - created - repeal.**

14 (2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2)(b) of this section, at
15 the end of the 2012-13 state fiscal year and at the end of each state fiscal
16 year thereafter, the state treasurer shall transfer the state share as follows:

17 (IV) ~~Two million one hundred thousand dollars to the innovative~~
18 ~~higher education research fund created in section 23-19.7-104;~~

19 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2026.

20 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
21 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
23 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
24 institutions.

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Repeal of Contract for Online Platform Use

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF A REQUIREMENT TO CONTRACT FOR USE**
102 **OF AN ONLINE PLATFORM BY HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**
103 **FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS.**

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. The bill repeals the requirement for the department of higher education to contract for the use of an online platform by an institution of higher education in Colorado, whether public or private, that assists students in accessing public benefits.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 23-1-139 as
3 follows:

4 **23-1-139. Department directive - contract for use of online**
5 **platform for public benefits.**

6 ~~The department shall contract for and facilitate the use of an online~~
7 ~~platform by any institution of higher education in Colorado, whether~~
8 ~~public or private, in order to assist students in accessing public benefits.~~
9 ~~Individual institutions that use the online platform that the department~~
10 ~~contracts for are required to contribute financially for use of the platform.~~

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

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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Repeal Office of Judicial Discipline Ombudsman

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**
102 **OMBUDSMAN.**

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. The bill repeals the office of the judicial discipline ombudsman, which was established in 2023 to act as an independent and confidential advisor on judicial discipline procedures and workplace culture.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 13-3-120.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-100-102, **amend**
4 (3) as follows:

5 **13-100-102. Definitions.**

6 As used in this article 100, unless the context otherwise requires:

7 (3) "Included agencies" means the independent agencies within
8 the judicial department that the office provides administrative and fiscal
9 support services to pursuant to this article 100 and includes the office of
10 the child protection ombudsman, the independent ethics commission, the
11 office of public guardianship, the commission on judicial discipline, the
12 office of alternative defense counsel, the office of the child's
13 representative, the office of the respondent parents' counsel, the office of
14 the statewide behavioral health court liaison, ~~the office of the judicial~~
15 ~~discipline ombudsman~~, and any other independent agency added to the
16 judicial department on or after July 1, 2024. The office of state public
17 defender is not an included agency.

18 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-202, **repeal**
19 (6)(b)(XVI) as follows:

20 **24-72-202. Definitions.**

21 As used in this part 2, unless the context otherwise requires:

22 (b) "Public records" does not include:

23 (XVI) ~~Records related to complaints received by the office of the~~
24 ~~judicial discipline ombudsman pursuant to section 13-3-120, including~~
25 ~~any record that names or otherwise identifies a specific complainant or~~
26 ~~other person involved in the complaint;~~

27 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,

1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
3 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
4 institutions.

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LLS NO. 26-0952.01 Owen Hatch x2698

COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Elim Cash Balance Reqmnt in Judicial Cash Fund

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE JUDICIAL**
102 **DISCIPLINE SPECIAL CASH FUND BEGIN EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR**
103 **WITH A BALANCE OF AT LEAST FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND**
104 **DOLLARS.**

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. The bill eliminates the requirement that the general assembly transfer sufficient funds to the judicial discipline special cash fund so that the fund starts each fiscal year with a balance of

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at least \$400,000.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5.3-104, **repeal**
3 (7) as follows:

4 **13-5.3-104. Commission on judicial discipline special cash**
5 **fund - acceptance of federal funds - general appropriations.**

6 ~~(7) For the state fiscal year 2022-23, the general assembly shall~~
7 ~~appropriate from the general fund to the fund four hundred thousand~~
8 ~~dollars. In each subsequent fiscal year, the general assembly shall~~
9 ~~appropriate sufficient money to the fund so that it begins the fiscal year~~
10 ~~with not less than four hundred thousand dollars.~~

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