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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The general fund reserve is currently equal to 5% of the amounts appropriated for expenditure from the general fund for the fiscal year. After a personal income trigger is met, the reserve percentage annually increases in half percent increments up to 6.5%. Beginning with the 2014-15 fiscal year, the bill increases the general fund reserve to 6.5% of the amounts appropriated for that fiscal year and repeals the mechanism that would have eventually raised the reserve

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requirement to that same level.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-201.1, **amend**
3 (1) (d) introductory portion and (1) (d) (XIV); and **repeal** (1) (d) (XV),
4 (1) (d) (XVI), and (1) (e) as follows:

5 **24-75-201.1. Restriction on state appropriations - legislative**
6 **declaration - definitions - repeal.** (1) (d) ~~Except as otherwise provided~~
7 ~~in paragraph (e) of this subsection (1);~~ For each fiscal year, unrestricted
8 general fund year-end balances shall be retained as a reserve in the
9 following amounts:

10 (XIV) For the fiscal year 2014-15 ~~five~~ AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
11 THEREAFTER, SIX and one-half percent of the amount appropriated for
12 expenditure from the general fund for that fiscal year.

13 (XV) ~~For the fiscal year 2015-16, six percent of the amount~~
14 ~~appropriated for expenditure from the general fund for that fiscal year;~~

15 (XVI) ~~For the fiscal year 2016-17 and each fiscal year thereafter,~~
16 ~~at least six and one-half percent of the amount appropriated for~~
17 ~~expenditure from the general fund for that fiscal year.~~

18 (e) (I) ~~The initial reserve requirement is suspended and does not~~
19 ~~apply until the third fiscal year that begins after the personal income~~
20 ~~trigger occurs. The reserve requirement is five percent of the amount~~
21 ~~appropriated for expenditure for each fiscal year that the initial reserve~~
22 ~~requirement is suspended.~~

23 (I.5) ~~For purposes of determining whether the personal income~~
24 ~~trigger occurs, the following estimates reported by the bureau of~~
25 ~~economic analysis in the United States department of commerce are used:~~

1 ~~(A) For the later calendar year, the first available estimate~~
2 ~~reported by the bureau after the end of the calendar year; and~~

3 ~~(B) For the earlier calendar year, the revised estimate that is~~
4 ~~available at the same time as the estimate set forth in sub-subparagraph~~
5 ~~(A) of this subparagraph (I.5).~~

6 ~~(H) The reserve requirements set forth in subparagraphs (XV) and~~
7 ~~(XVI) of paragraph (d) of this subsection (1) are each suspended by the~~
8 ~~same number of fiscal years that the initial reserve requirement is~~
9 ~~suspended pursuant to subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (e).~~

10 ~~(HH) As used in this paragraph (e), unless the context otherwise~~
11 ~~requires:~~

12 ~~(A) "Colorado personal income" means the total personal income~~
13 ~~for Colorado, as defined and officially reported by the bureau of~~
14 ~~economic analysis in the United States department of commerce.~~

15 ~~(B) "Initial reserve requirement" means the reserve requirement~~
16 ~~set forth in subparagraph (XIV) of paragraph (d) of this subsection (1).~~

17 ~~(C) "Personal income trigger" means an increase in annual~~
18 ~~Colorado personal income from one calendar year, starting with 2011, to~~
19 ~~the next calendar year thereafter by an amount equal to five percent or~~
20 ~~more.~~

21 ~~(D) "Reserve requirement" means the minimum unrestricted~~
22 ~~general fund year-end balance for the fiscal year.~~

23 **SECTION 2. 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, and safety.