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SENATE BILL 24-040

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Danielson and Ginal,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Willford and Young,

Senate Committees
Health & Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATION FOR STATE FUNDING FOR SENIOR
102 SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ADJUSTING THE
103 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR INFLATION ANNUALLY,
104 REVIEWING THE ADEQUACY OF THE APPROPRIATION EVERY
105 THREE YEARS, AND MAKING AN 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>.)

The bill requires the general assembly to annually adjust for inflation the general fund appropriation for state funding for senior

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services.

No later than August 2024, and each August every 3 years thereafter, the bill requires the department of human services (department), the office of state planning and budgeting, and representatives from area agencies on aging to review the adequacy of the appropriation for senior services for the prior 3 fiscal years to address the needs of senior citizens who request services pursuant to the "Older Coloradans' Act". The department is required to report the findings of the adequacy review to the general assembly.

For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, the bill appropriates \$5 million from the general fund to the department of human services for state funding for senior services.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 26-11-209 as
3 follows:

4 **26-11-209. Adequacy review - appropriation for senior**
5 **services - report.** (1) FOR THE 2025-26 STATE FISCAL YEAR, AND EACH
6 STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL
7 ANNUALLY ADJUST FOR INFLATION THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION
8 FOR STATE FUNDING FOR SENIOR SERVICES. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY
9 ROUND THE ADJUSTED AMOUNT UPWARD OR DOWNWARD TO THE NEAREST
10 DOLLAR. INFLATION IS MEASURED BY THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE
11 IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF LABOR
12 STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, OR A SUCCESSOR INDEX, FOR
13 DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD FOR ALL ITEMS PAID BY URBAN
14 CONSUMERS.

15 (2) (a) NO LATER THAN AUGUST 2024, AND EACH AUGUST EVERY
16 THREE YEARS THEREAFTER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE OF
17 STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM AREA
18 AGENCIES ON AGING SHALL REVIEW THE ADEQUACY OF THE
19 APPROPRIATION FOR STATE FUNDING FOR SENIOR SERVICES FOR THE PRIOR

1 THREE FISCAL YEARS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS WHO
2 REQUEST SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 11.

3 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), NO LATER
4 THAN NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR AFTER THE ADEQUACY REVIEW IS
5 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT THE FINDINGS OF THE ADEQUACY REVIEW TO
7 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND
8 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN
9 SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND THE JOINT
10 BUDGET COMMITTEE.

11 (c) AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S "SMART ACT" HEARING
12 REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-7-203 FOLLOWING THE ADEQUACY REVIEW
13 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE AS PART OF ITS PRESENTATION
15 INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FINDINGS OF THE ADEQUACY REVIEW
16 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2).

17 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,
18 \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the department of human services for use
19 by the office of adults, aging, and disability services. This appropriation
20 is from the general fund. To implement this act, the office may use this
21 appropriation for state funding for senior services.

22 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
25 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
26 institutions.