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SENATE BILL 21-228

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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McCluskie and Ransom, Herod

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE PERA PAYMENT CASH FUND TO
102 BE USED FOR FUTURE PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
103 RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
104 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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The bill creates the PERA payment cash fund (fund) and appropriates \$380 million from the general fund to the fund for the 2020-21 state fiscal year. The state treasurer is required

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to use the money in the fund for the \$225 million direct distribution payment to PERA on July 1, 2022, subsequent direct distributions, and any of the state's employer contributions or disbursements.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-51-416 as
3 follows:

4 **24-51-416. PERA payment cash fund - creation.** (1) THE PERA
5 PAYMENT CASH FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS
6 HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF
7 MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER
8 TO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
9 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
10 PERA PAYMENT CASH FUND TO THE FUND.

11 (2) THE WARRANT THAT THE STATE TREASURER IS REQUIRED TO
12 ISSUE ON JULY 1, 2022, UNDER SECTION 24-51-414 (1)(a) IS TO BE PAID
13 ENTIRELY FROM THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER MAY USE ANY
14 AVAILABLE MONEY IN THE FUND TO PAY FOR ANY WARRANTS ISSUED
15 UNDER SECTION 24-51-414 (1)(a) AFTER JULY 1, 2022.

16 (3) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION, THE MONEY IN THE FUND
17 IS AVAILABLE TO BE USED BY THE STATE FOR ANY EMPLOYER
18 CONTRIBUTION OR DISBURSEMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS PART 4.

19 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2020-21 state fiscal year,
20 \$380,000,000 is appropriated to the PERA payment cash fund created in
21 section 24-51-416 (1), C.R.S. This appropriation is from the general fund.
22 The department of treasury is responsible for the accounting related to
23 this appropriation.

24 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.