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SENATE BILL 21-251

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Winter and Moreno,

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A LOAN FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DIVISION OF**
102 **FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF**
103 **IMPLEMENTING THE STATE'S PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**
104 **PROGRAM.**

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 state treasurer to transfer \$1,500,000 from the general fund to the family and medical leave insurance fund for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by the division of family and

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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medical leave insurance (division) before the division receives premium revenue or revenue bond proceeds. The transfer is a loan from the state treasurer to the division that is required to be repaid and is not a grant for purposes of the state constitution or any other state law.

The division is required to repay the loan and accumulated interest by December 31, 2023.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-13.3-518, **amend**
3 (1); and **add** (3) as follows:

4 **8-13.3-518. Family and medical leave insurance fund -**
5 **establishment and investment - repeal.** (1) There is hereby created in
6 the state treasury the family and medical leave insurance fund. The fund
7 consists of premiums paid pursuant to section 8-13.3-507 and revenues
8 from revenue bonds issued in accordance with section 8-13.3-508 (2)(d).
9 Money in the fund may be used only to pay revenue bonds; TO REPAY THE
10 GENERAL FUND LOAN PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION; to
11 reimburse employers who pay family and medical leave insurance
12 benefits directly to employees in accordance with section 8-13.3-515 (1);
13 and to pay benefits under, and to administer, the program pursuant to this
14 part 5, including technology costs to administer the program and outreach
15 services developed under section 8-13.3-520. Interest earned on the
16 investment of money in the fund remains in the fund. Any money
17 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year remains in the fund and
18 does not revert to the general fund or any other fund. State money in the
19 fund is continuously appropriated to the division for the purpose of this
20 section. The general assembly shall not appropriate money from the fund
21 for the general expenses of the state.

22 (3) (a) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a) OR AS

1 SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
2 ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL
3 FUND TO THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING EXPENSES INCURRED
4 BY THE DIVISION BEFORE IT RECEIVES PREMIUM REVENUE OR REVENUE
5 BOND PROCEEDS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE DIVISION MAY
6 ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY MONEY SO TRANSFERRED, AND,
7 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATE FISCAL RULE OR GENERALLY ACCEPTED
8 ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE THAT COULD OTHERWISE BE INTERPRETED TO
9 REQUIRE A CONTRARY CONCLUSION, SUCH A TRANSFER IS A LOAN FROM
10 THE STATE TREASURER TO THE DIVISION THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE REPAYED
11 AND IS NOT A GRANT FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 (2)(d) OF ARTICLE X OF
12 THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102 (7). LOAN
13 LIABILITIES THAT ARE RECORDED IN THE FUND BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO
14 BE PAID IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED WHEN
15 CALCULATING SUFFICIENT STATUTORY FUND BALANCE FOR PURPOSES OF
16 SECTION 24-75-109.

17 (b) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2023, THE DIVISION SHALL
18 REPAY THE LOAN OF ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
19 RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND
20 ACCUMULATED INTEREST FROM THE FUND. INTEREST ACCRUES ON THE
21 MONEY BORROWED AT A RATE EQUIVALENT TO THE RATE PER ANNUM ON
22 THE MOST RECENTLY ISSUED TEN-YEAR UNITED STATES TREASURY NOTE,
23 ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT, AS REPORTED BY
24 THE "WALL STREET JOURNAL", AS OF THE DATE THE TRANSFER REQUIRED
25 BY SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS MADE. INTEREST ACCRUES AT
26 THE RATE SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b) BEGINNING ON THAT DATE,
27 UNTIL THE DATE ON WHICH THE MONEY IS REPAYED.

1 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1,
2 2024.

3 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.