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SENATE BILL 01-124

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Dyer (Arapahoe),

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

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Senate Committees

Health, Environment, Children & Families

House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS  
102 RESEARCH.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Appropriates \$250,000 to the university of Colorado health sciences center for multiple sclerosis research.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 hereby finds and declares that multiple sclerosis affects nearly one-half  
2 million Americans, including one of every eight hundred people in the  
3 state of Colorado. Although there are approved treatments for multiple  
4 sclerosis, the cause of the disease is still unknown. The expense of the  
5 research seeking the cause of the disease pales in comparison to the costs  
6 every year in loss of workforce and taxes, and the social costs created  
7 when a family member is debilitated by this disease. The general  
8 assembly recognizes that the university of Colorado health sciences center  
9 is on the cusp of discovering the cause of this disease and that additional  
10 financial support will significantly advance the timetable for the  
11 development of a successful treatment. Given the high incidence of  
12 multiple sclerosis in Colorado, the gravity of the illness, and the enormous  
13 significance of the critical research being conducted by the department of  
14 neurology at the university of Colorado health sciences center, the general  
15 assembly hereby declares that it is in the best interest of the citizens of  
16 Colorado to financially support this research.

17 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
18 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
19 general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of higher  
20 education, for allocation to the regents of the university of Colorado, for  
21 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, the sum of two hundred fifty  
22 thousand dollars (\$250,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for  
23 allocation to the university of Colorado health sciences center for multiple  
24 sclerosis research.

25 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,  
26 2001.

27 **SECTION 4. 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, and safety.