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STATE OF COLORADO**

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LLS NO. 15-1000.01 Thomas Morris x4218

**SENATE BILL 15-245**

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**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF STATE FUNDING FOR NATURAL**  
102      **HAZARD MAPPING.**

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**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 bill creates the natural hazard mapping fund, which consists of gifts, grants, and donations and the following revenues transferred from the general fund:

- !      On July 1, 2015, \$3.8 million;
- !      On July 1, 2016, \$2.4 million; and
- !      On July 1, 2017, \$670,000.

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.*

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 8, 2015

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 2, 2015

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 1, 2015

The Colorado water conservation board may use the revenues in the fund only for the following purposes:

- ! Floodplain mapping;
- ! Erosion zone mapping;
- ! Debris flow mapping; and
- ! The collection of data from light detection and ranging for flood mapping, erosion zones, and debris flows.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 37-60-131 as follows:

**37-60-131. Natural hazard mapping - fund - repeal.**

(1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE NATURAL HAZARD MAPPING FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "MAPPING FUND", WHICH CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING REVENUES:

(I) GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE BOARD SHALL NOT ACCEPT A GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION THAT IS SUBJECT TO A CONDITION THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE;

(II) INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT OF REVENUES IN THE MAPPING FUND; AND

(III) THE FOLLOWING REVENUES, WHICH THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE MAPPING FUND:

(A) ON JULY 1, 2015, THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS;

(B) ON JULY 1, 2016, TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND

(C) ON JULY 1, 2017, SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

(b) THE REVENUES IN THE MAPPING FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY

1 APPROPRIATED TO THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

2 (2) THE BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND  
3 GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION AND  
4 MAY USE THE REVENUES IN THE MAPPING FUND ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING  
5 PURPOSES:

6 (a) FLOODPLAIN MAPPING, INCLUDING TO UPDATE FLOODPLAIN  
7 MAPPING FOR FLOOD-IMPACTED AREAS AND TO DIGITIZE AND UPDATE  
8 FLOODPLAIN MAPS IN THOSE COUNTIES THAT DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE  
9 THEM;

10 (b) EROSION ZONE MAPPING, INCLUDING BY:

11 (I) CONVENING AN INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL PANEL TO DEVELOP  
12 EROSION ZONE MAPPING METHODOLOGY;

13 (II) UPDATING THE BOARD'S STORM WATER CRITERIA MANUAL;

14 (III) DEVELOPING MODEL LAND USE CODES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS; AND

16 (IV) DEVELOPING NEW MAPS IN PRIORITIZED AREAS IN  
17 PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES;

18 (c) DEBRIS FLOW MAPPING, INCLUDING BY:

19 (I) CONVENING AN INTERAGENCY PANEL CHAIRED BY THE  
20 COLORADO GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO DEVELOP DEBRIS FLOW MAPPING  
21 METHODOLOGY;

22 (II) CONDUCTING PILOT PROJECTS TO DEVELOP DEBRIS FLOW  
23 HAZARD MAPS FOR PRIORITIZED AREAS BASED ON GEOLOGY, POPULATION,  
24 AND ASSETS AT RISK, INCLUDING PRELIMINARILY EL PASO, JEFFERSON,  
25 AND DOUGLAS COUNTIES; AND

26 (III) DEVELOPING A FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING  
27 PLAN TO MAP THE REMAINDER OF THE AT-RISK AREAS IN COLORADO; OR

1           (d) THE COLLECTION OF DATA FROM LIGHT DETECTION AND  
2 RANGING FOR FLOOD MAPPING, EROSION ZONES, AND DEBRIS FLOWS.

3           (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018. THE  
4 STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNENCUMBERED REVENUES IN  
5 THE MAPPING FUND ON JULY 1, 2018, TO THE GENERAL FUND.

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