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An Act

SENATE BILL 05-157

BY SENATOR(S) Fitz-Gerald,;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Madden, and Marshall.

CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS IN THE LEGISLATIVE LEGAL
EXPENSES CASH FUND BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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

SECTION 1. 2-3-1002 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

2-3-1002. Legislative legal expenses cash fund - creation.

(1) (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the legislative legal expenses cash fund. The fund shall be comprised of such moneys transferred to the fund in accordance with subsection (2) of this section and any other moneys appropriated to the fund. All interest earned on the investment of moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

(b) Moneys in the LEGISLATIVE LEGAL EXPENSES CASH fund are continuously appropriated to:

(I) The committee on legal services to pay the compensation and

expenses of any legal counsel retained by the committee pursuant to section 2-3-1001 and to pay any necessary expense of such actions and proceedings for which such legal counsel is retained; AND

(II) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PAY FOR QUALIFIED EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF COLORADO IF, AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT THE AMOUNT OF MONEYS TO BE SO EXPENDED IS NOT NEEDED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE FOR ANY EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b). FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II), "QUALIFIED EXPENSES" MEANS:

(A) EXPENSES RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE AIDES; AND

(B) EXPENSES RELATING TO THE NECESSARY UPKEEP AND FURNISHING OF THE CHAMBERS, ANTECHAMBERS, AND COMMITTEE ROOMS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND OF THE OFFICE SPACE ASSIGNED TO AND OCCUPIED BY LEGISLATORS, STAFF OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCIES.

(c) Any moneys credited to the LEGISLATIVE LEGAL EXPENSES CASH fund and unexpended at the end of any given fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not revert to the general fund.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

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

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