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**HOUSE BILL 14-1337**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE.**

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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 general fund reserve is currently equal to 5% of the amounts appropriated for expenditure from the general fund for the fiscal year. After a personal income trigger is met, the reserve percentage annually increases in half percent increments up to 6.5%. Beginning with the 2014-15 fiscal year, the bill increases the general fund reserve to 6.5% of the amounts appropriated for that fiscal year and repeals the mechanism that would have eventually raised the reserve

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  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 28, 2014

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
March 27, 2014

requirement to that same level.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-201.1, **amend**  
3 (1) (d) introductory portion and (1) (d) (XIV); and **repeal** (1) (d) (XV),  
4 (1) (d) (XVI), and (1) (e) as follows:

5 **24-75-201.1. Restriction on state appropriations - legislative**  
6 **declaration - definitions - repeal.** (1) (d) ~~Except as otherwise provided~~  
7 ~~in paragraph (e) of this subsection (1);~~ For each fiscal year, unrestricted  
8 general fund year-end balances shall be retained as a reserve in the  
9 following amounts:

10 (XIV) For the fiscal year 2014-15 ~~five~~ AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
11 THEREAFTER, SIX and one-half percent of the amount appropriated for  
12 expenditure from the general fund for that fiscal year.

13 (XV) ~~For the fiscal year 2015-16, six percent of the amount~~  
14 ~~appropriated for expenditure from the general fund for that fiscal year;~~

15 (XVI) ~~For the fiscal year 2016-17 and each fiscal year thereafter,~~  
16 ~~at least six and one-half percent of the amount appropriated for~~  
17 ~~expenditure from the general fund for that fiscal year.~~

18 (e) (I) ~~The initial reserve requirement is suspended and does not~~  
19 ~~apply until the third fiscal year that begins after the personal income~~  
20 ~~trigger occurs. The reserve requirement is five percent of the amount~~  
21 ~~appropriated for expenditure for each fiscal year that the initial reserve~~  
22 ~~requirement is suspended.~~

23 (I.5) ~~For purposes of determining whether the personal income~~  
24 ~~trigger occurs, the following estimates reported by the bureau of~~  
25 ~~economic analysis in the United States department of commerce are used:~~

1           ~~(A) For the later calendar year, the first available estimate~~  
2 ~~reported by the bureau after the end of the calendar year; and~~

3           ~~(B) For the earlier calendar year, the revised estimate that is~~  
4 ~~available at the same time as the estimate set forth in sub-subparagraph~~  
5 ~~(A) of this subparagraph (I.5).~~

6           ~~(H) The reserve requirements set forth in subparagraphs (XV) and~~  
7 ~~(XVI) of paragraph (d) of this subsection (1) are each suspended by the~~  
8 ~~same number of fiscal years that the initial reserve requirement is~~  
9 ~~suspended pursuant to subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (e).~~

10          ~~(HH) As used in this paragraph (e), unless the context otherwise~~  
11 ~~requires:~~

12           ~~(A) "Colorado personal income" means the total personal income~~  
13 ~~for Colorado, as defined and officially reported by the bureau of~~  
14 ~~economic analysis in the United States department of commerce.~~

15           ~~(B) "Initial reserve requirement" means the reserve requirement~~  
16 ~~set forth in subparagraph (XIV) of paragraph (d) of this subsection (1).~~

17           ~~(C) "Personal income trigger" means an increase in annual~~  
18 ~~Colorado personal income from one calendar year, starting with 2011, to~~  
19 ~~the next calendar year thereafter by an amount equal to five percent or~~  
20 ~~more.~~

21           ~~(D) "Reserve requirement" means the minimum unrestricted~~  
22 ~~general fund year-end balance for the fiscal year.~~

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