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SENATE BILL 15-098

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Steadman, Grantham, Lambert

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Young, Hamner, Rankin

Senate Committees
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CODIFICATION OF CERTAIN PHRASES PREVIOUSLY**
102 **INCLUDED IN APPROPRIATION CLAUSES.**

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 identifies certain stock phrases that were formerly included in appropriation clauses and generally applies the phrases to all future appropriation clauses.

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

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 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-75-112.5 as
2 follows:

3 **24-75-112.5. Appropriation clauses - general provisions -**
4 **legislative declaration - definition.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
5 HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND DECLARES THAT:

6 (a) THE MECHANISM THROUGH WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
7 COMMONLY AUTHORIZES STATE AGENCIES TO SPEND MONEYS, THE
8 APPROPRIATION CLAUSE, HAS REMAINED ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FOR
9 OVER A CENTURY;

10 (b) THE TYPICAL APPROPRIATION CLAUSE EMPLOYED PRIOR TO THE
11 2015 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION FEATURES CERTAIN STOCK PHRASES
12 THAT MAKE ASCERTAINING ESSENTIAL INFORMATION MORE DIFFICULT;

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14 (c) LEGISLATION SHOULD, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, BE WRITTEN
15 CLEARLY AND CONCISELY; AND

16 (d) IT IS THEREFORE THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN
17 ENACTING THIS SECTION:

18 (I) TO ENHANCE COMPREHENSIBILITY OF APPROPRIATION CLAUSES
19 BY OMITTING THE IDENTIFIED PHRASES FORMERLY USED IN STANDARD
20 APPROPRIATION CLAUSES; AND

21 (II) TO CONTINUE UNDISTURBED THE OPERATION AND LEGAL
22 EFFECT OF THESE PHRASES BY CODIFYING VERSIONS OF THEM IN A STATUTE
23 OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY.

24 (2) (a) UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, AND
25 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE LAW IS STATUTORY OR NONCODIFIED, THE
26 FOLLOWING PROVISIONS APPLY TO AN APPROPRIATION MADE IN A DULY
27 ENACTED LAW OF THE STATE:

1 (I) THE APPROPRIATION IS MADE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER
2 APPROPRIATION;

3 (II) THE APPROPRIATION IS MADE FROM MONEYS THAT ARE NOT
4 OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED; AND

5 (III) A STATE AGENCY IS ONLY REQUIRED TO SPEND SO MUCH OF
6 THE APPROPRIATION AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

7 (b) AS USED IN ANY APPROPRIATION CLAUSE, "C.R.S." MEANS THE
8 COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.

9 (3) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO LEGISLATION ENACTED ON OR AFTER
10 JANUARY 1, 2015.

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