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A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 101 **CONCERNING THE ALLOWABLE USES OF MONEYS IN THE GENERAL**
- 102 FUND EXEMPT ACCOUNT THAT ARE DESIGNATED TO BENEFIT
- 103 STUDENTS ATTENDING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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 <u>http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.</u>)

Joint Budget Committee. The general fund exempt account consists of an amount of moneys equal to the amount of state revenues that the state retains and spends under the authority the voters conferred through their approval of referendum C in 2005. The general assembly is annually required to appropriate 1/3 of the moneys in the account for







community colleges and other institutions of higher education. The bill expands the allowable areas of higher education-related appropriations to include:

- ! Work-study programs;
- ! Tuition for qualified Indian pupils who attend Fort Lewis college;
- ! Local district junior college grants; and
- ! Area vocational school grants.
- 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
- 2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-77-104.5, amend 3 (4) (a) (IV) and (4) (a) (V); and **add** (4) (a) (VI), (4) (a) (VII), (4) (a) 4 (VIII), and (4) (a) (IX) as follows: 5 24-77-104.5. General fund exempt account - appropriations to 6 critical needs fund - specification of uses for health care and 7 education - definitions. (4) (a) Funding for the benefit of students 8 attending community colleges and other institutions of higher education, 9 as used in subparagraph (III) of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this 10 section, shall be limited to funding for: (IV) Fee-for-service contracts authorized pursuant to section 11 12 23-18-303, C.R.S.; and 13 (V) Capital construction projects related to higher education;
- 14 (VI) WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS;
- 15 (VII) TUITION FOR QUALIFIED INDIAN PUPILS WHO ATTEND FORT16 LEWIS COLLEGE;
- 17 (VIII) LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR COLLEGE GRANTS; AND
- 18 (IX) AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL GRANTS.
- 19 **SECTION 2. 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.