CHAPTER 379

CORRECTIONS

SENATE BILL 25-291

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE SPENDING AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-27-108, repeal (5) as follows:

17-27-108. Division of criminal justice in the department of public safety duties - community corrections contracts - audit. (5) The division of criminal justice is authorized to transfer up to ten percent of annual appropriations among or between line items for community corrections program services. Advance notice of such transfers shall be provided to the general assembly, the governor, the executive director of the department of corrections, and the chief justice of the supreme court.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-109, add (1)(e.5) as follows:

24-75-109. Controller may allow expenditures in excess of appropriations - limitations - appropriations for subsequent fiscal year restricted - repeal. (1) For the purpose of closing the state's books, and subject to the provisions of this section, the controller may, on or after May 1 of any fiscal year and before the forty-fifth day after the close thereof, upon approval of the governor, allow any department, institution, or agency of the state, including any institution of higher education, to make an expenditure in excess of the amount authorized by an item of appropriation for such fiscal year if:

(e.5) The overexpenditure is by the division of criminal justice within the department of public safety for felony placements in community corrections programs pursuant to article 27 of title 17, but the total of

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all expenditures allowed pursuant to this subsection (1)(e.5) must not exceed two million dollars in any fiscal year; or

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act takes effect July 1, 2025.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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