

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 424
2 INTRODUCED BY L. JONES, D. BEDEY, J. ESP, J. ELLSWORTH, K. BOGNER
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING SUSTAINABILITY OF STATE FINANCE;
5 REVISING TRANSFER PERCENTAGES INTO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND AND THE
6 CAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM ACCOUNT; INCREASING THE CAP ON
7 THE BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND; INCREASING THE CAP ON THE FIRE SUPPRESSION
8 FUND; ALLOWING THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM ACCOUNT TO
9 PAY ON BONDS AND RELATED COSTS; TEMPORARILY INCREASING THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY
10 FUNDS; REQUIRING THAT FUNDS IN THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS LONG-RANGE BUILDING
11 PROGRAM ACCOUNT BE USED TO FOREGO OR REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF ISSUANCE OF GENERAL
12 OBLIGATION BONDS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS AND GENERAL FUND
13 REVERSIONS INTO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND AND THE FIRE SUPPRESSION
14 FUND; PROVIDING FOR OTHER TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND; PROVIDING FOR A STUDY
15 OF STATE BUDGET PROCESS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR A
16 STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; EXPANDING USES OF A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING
17 FOR A CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-3-312, 17-7-102, 17-7-130, 17-7-140,
18 17-7-209, AND 17-7-502, AND ~~76-13-150~~, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 1(2), CHAPTER 476, LAWS OF 2019,
19 SECTION 13, CHAPTER 476, LAWS OF 2019, AND SECTION 2(2), CHAPTER 499, LAWS OF 2005; AND
20 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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24 **Section 1.** Section 10-3-312, MCA, is amended to read:

25 **"10-3-312. Maximum expenditure by governor -- appropriation.** (1) Whenever a disaster or an
26 emergency, including an energy emergency as defined in 90-4-302 or an invasive species emergency declared
27 under 80-7-1013, is declared by the governor, there is statutorily appropriated to the office of the governor, as
28 provided in 17-7-502, and, subject to subsection (2), the governor is authorized to expend from the general fund

1 amount of funds deposited in the accounts from bond proceeds and funds from the account established in 17-7-
2 209 may not exceed the amounts authorized in subsection (3)."

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4 **Section 11.** Section 2(2), Chapter 499, Laws of 2005, is amended to read:

5 **"Section 2. Appropriation of bond proceeds.**

6 (2) The following money is appropriated from the CPF from the proceeds for the bonds authorized
7 by [section 3] or from the account provided for in 17-7-209 to the department of natural resources and
8 conservation for the capital projects described in this section, and if the bond proceeds are used, contingent
9 upon the authorization of general obligation bonds by the 59th legislature and the sale of bonds by the board of
10 examiners:"

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12 **NEW SECTION. Section 12. Coordination and contingent appropriation.** (1) If both [this act] and
13 House Bill No. 226 are passed and approved, then the following sums are appropriated to the office of budget
14 and program planning from the following sources in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023:

- 15 (a) \$299,489 from the general fund;
16 (b) \$269,572 from state special revenue;
17 (c) \$124,611 from federal special revenue;
18 (d) \$117,071 in proprietary funds; and
19 (e) \$119,796 from the general fund for the benefit of the Montana University System.

20 (2) If both [this act] and House Bill No. 226 are passed and approved, then the following sums are
21 appropriated to the office of budget and program planning from the following sources in the fiscal year
22 beginning July 1, 2024:

- 23 (a) \$1,547,360 from the general fund;
24 (b) \$1,392,791 from state special revenue;
25 (c) \$643,826 from federal special revenue;
26 (d) \$604,869 in proprietary funds; and
27 (e) \$618,944 from the general fund for the benefit of the Montana University System.

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