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LLS NO. 10-1029.01 Jane Ritter

HOUSE BILL 10-1399

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Weissmann,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Judiciary

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE COLORADO BUREAU OF
102 INVESTIGATION TO ASSIST A CHIEF OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT IN
103 THE INVESTIGATION OF A FIRE RELATED TO THE CRIME OF
104 ARSON.

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>.)

If the chief of a fire department requests assistance from the Colorado bureau of investigation (bureau) in investigating the cause and

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

origin of a fire or in enforcing the laws related to the crime of arson, the bureau may provide such assistance, with the approval of the director of the bureau. The authority granted to the bureau to assist with investigations and enforcement related to the crime of arson shall not interfere with the authority of the sheriff or chief of police in such situations.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 24-33.5-412 (1) (r), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended, and the said 24-33.5-412 (1) is further amended BY THE
4 ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

5 **24-33.5-412. Functions of bureau - legislative review.** (1) The
6 bureau has the following authority:

7 (r) To conduct criminal history records checks pursuant to section
8 24-72-305.3; AND

9 (s) WHEN ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED BY THE CHIEF OF A FIRE
10 DEPARTMENT, AND THE DIRECTOR APPROVES, TO ASSIST THE FIRE CHIEF IN
11 THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CAUSE AND ORIGIN OF A FIRE AND DETECTION
12 OF THE CRIME OF ARSON AND IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL
13 LAWS OF THE STATE RELATED TO THE CRIME OF ARSON. NOTHING IN THIS
14 PARAGRAPH (s) SHALL INTERFERE WITH THE AUTHORITY OF A SHERIFF OR
15 CHIEF OF POLICE RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF FIRES OR THE CRIME
16 OF ARSON OR WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE
17 STATE RELATED TO THE CRIME OF ARSON.

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