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**THE MICHAEL SKOLNIK MEDICAL TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2013
SENATE BILL 26 (CARROLL AND AGUILAR)**

BACKGROUND

In 2008, the Colorado General Assembly passed the initial Michael Skolnik Medical Transparency Act. The Act facilitated transparency in our health care system by creating a public database detailing the career history of most licensed medical professionals in Colorado. This action protected our state's families by empowering them to learn about the people providing their health care. The act before us today continues that tradition.

WHAT IT DOES

The Michael Skolnik Act Medical Transparency Act of 2013 will expand the benefits of accountability and transparency championed in the Skolnik Act of 2008 to include several healthcare practitioners not covered under the original law.

WHO IT COVERS

Despite the 2008 law, Coloradans still cannot view basic background information about many of the health practitioners who interact closely with their children and their families every day. The Skolnik Act of 2013 will protect Colorado families by adding the following health care providers to the public disclosure database:

1. Surgical Assistants and Technologists
2. Certified Nurse Aides
3. Occupational Therapists
4. Pharmacists
5. Respiratory Therapists
6. Athletic Trainers
7. Massage Therapist

WHAT IT COVERS

The basis of reliable health care coverage is the ability to make informed health care decisions. The Michael Skolnik Act of 2013 empowers Coloradans to make the right choices for their families' care by requiring professionals to disclose the following:

1. Relevant education, licenses, and board certifications
2. Malpractice history
3. Prior license suspensions or revocations
4. Disciplinary actions taken against the practitioner
5. Potential conflicts of interest
6. Criminal history

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