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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force

SHORT TITLE: "Colorado Child Care Assistance Program"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR WORKING FAMILIES.**

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>.)

Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force. The bill makes several changes to the statute that created a pilot program to address the cliff effect that occurs when working parents in the Colorado child care assistance program (CCCAP) receive a minor increase in their income that makes them ineligible for child care assistance and the increase in wages is not enough to cover the costs for child care without the child care assistance. The cliff effect pilot program was designed to

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

allow families to remain in the CCCAP program notwithstanding the increase in income. The changes to the statute governing the pilot program include:

- Extending the duration of the cliff effect pilot program;
- Allowing counties to limit participation in the pilot program to a reasonable percentage of their CCCAP caseload instead of having to cover all of their CCCAP caseload;
- Allowing counties to limit participation in the pilot program to families who enter CCCAP with children who are 36 months of age or younger;
- Allowing counties to have more flexibility in designing a pilot program that best addresses their specific community needs;
- Clarifying the data collection and reporting responsibilities of the county departments of human services and the department of human services (department) about the pilot program.

The bill creates a grant program in the department for the purpose of encouraging counties to undertake activities or strategies that promote access to child care or increase the quality of child care in CCCAP. A county may apply to the department for a grant to fund any of these purposes:

- To pay the county's administrative expenses to participate in a cliff effect pilot program and to provide additional benefits to CCCAP parents in the cliff effect pilot program; or
- To expand access to child care in CCCAP by providing a full or partial subsidy for child care without a county contribution for up to 15% more families than those currently served in the county; or
- To pay all or a portion of the county's expenses to engage in more than one activity or strategy to promote quality child care in CCCAP in that county.

The state department awards grants from a CCCAP enhancement fund created in the state treasury. To the extent possible and subject to available appropriations, the state department must manage the amount of funds in the enhancement fund and allocate the grants awarded to counties in an equal amount among the purposes or strategies allowed for distributions from the fund. The bill specifies the types of activities or strategies that may be used to qualify for a grant for activities that promote quality child care.

Grant moneys awarded to a county out of the enhancement fund do not affect the county's block grant for CCCAP and do not affect the county's maintenance of effort for CCCAP. A county is not required to

provide local funds to qualify for a grant from the enhancement fund.

Counties are highly encouraged to collaborate with early childhood councils and other community partners as necessary in the development of a grant application.

The executive director of the department or his or her designee must enter into a memorandum of understanding with each county that receives a grant from the CCCAP enhancement fund. The state department may adopt rules as necessary concerning the application process and the administration of the grant program.

The cliff effect program and authority to make grants from the CCCAP enhancement fund for a cliff effect program are repealed, effective July 1, 2020.

The department is directed to report annually about CCCAP and the results of the CCCAP enhancement fund grant program to the house public health care and human services committee and to the senate health and human services committee, or any successor committees. The bill lists the items that should be included in the annual report.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 26-2-802.5 as
3 follows:

4 **26-2-802.5. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE
5 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

6 (1) "COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" OR "CCCAP"
7 MEANS THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE STATE
8 DEPARTMENT.

9 (2) "EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL" MEANS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD
10 COUNCIL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 6.5 OF THIS
11 TITLE.

12 (3) "HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM" MEANS A
13 PROGRAM THAT IS OPERATED BY A PROVIDER WITH A CONTRACT THROUGH
14 THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THAT IS IN THE
15 TOP TWO RATINGS OF THE STATE'S QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT
16 SYSTEM, OR IS ACCREDITED BY A STATE DEPARTMENT-APPROVED

1 ACCREDITING BODY, OR IS AN EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM THAT MEETS
2 FEDERAL STANDARDS.

3 (4) "TIERED QUALITY REIMBURSEMENT" MEANS A PAY STRUCTURE
4 THAT REFLECTS AN INCREASED RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR HIGH-
5 QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVE MONEYS THROUGH
6 CCCAP.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-808, **amend** (2),
8 (3), (6), (7), and (8); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

9 **26-2-808. Pilot program to continue child care assistance with**
10 **modifications - legislative declaration - county participation - report**
11 **- repeal.** (2) Beginning on April 13, 2012, the state department is
12 authorized to develop and oversee a pilot program in which the Colorado
13 child care assistance program as outlined in section 26-2-805 is modified
14 to mitigate the cliff effect for low-income families that are working and
15 receiving child care assistance, referred to in this section as the "pilot
16 program". County departments of social services may apply to the
17 executive director or his or her designee to participate in the pilot
18 program. COUNTIES ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO COLLABORATE WITH
19 EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS AS
20 NECESSARY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE APPLICATION. The executive
21 director or his or her designee may select up to ten counties that will
22 participate in the pilot program as described in this section. In selecting
23 the counties, the executive director or his or her designee shall seek
24 diversity in the size of population, regional location, and demographic
25 composition AND SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER THERE WILL BE ENOUGH
26 PARTICIPANTS IN EACH PILOT PROGRAM TO ENABLE RESEARCHERS TO
27 EVALUATE WHETHER THE STRATEGIES USED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM HAVE

1 ADDRESSED THE CLIFF EFFECT. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER
2 DESIGNEE SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
3 EACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT
4 PROGRAM. THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING GOVERNS THE
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN THAT COUNTY, INCLUDING
6 BUT NOT LIMITED TO HOW THE COUNTY DECIDES WHICH AND HOW MANY
7 FAMILIES CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

8 (2.5) A COUNTY DEPARTMENT SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
9 PILOT PROGRAM MAY APPLY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR A GRANT
10 FROM THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT
11 FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 26-2-809, TO COVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE
12 COSTS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM AND THE COSTS OF
13 PROVIDING CONTINUED BENEFITS TO THE FAMILIES WHO ARE
14 PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

15 (3) A COUNTY HAS THE FLEXIBILITY TO DESIGN THE PILOT
16 PROGRAM IN A MANNER THAT BEST ADDRESSES THE COUNTY'S SPECIFIC
17 COMMUNITY NEEDS. IN DEVELOPING THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE
18 COUNTY, A COUNTY MAY LIMIT PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM TO
19 A REASONABLE PERCENTAGE OF THE COUNTY'S CASELOAD FOR THE
20 COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. A COUNTY MAY ALSO
21 LIMIT PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM TO FAMILIES WHO ENTER THE
22 COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE
23 THIRTY-SIX MONTHS OF AGE OR YOUNGER. Subject to available
24 appropriations, a county that is participating in the pilot program shall
25 continue to provide child care assistance for a period of up to two years
26 for ~~any person who has~~ A GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE BEEN
27 receiving child care assistance from the county and whose income

1 exceeds the county-adopted income eligibility limit for the county's child
2 care assistance program. The county shall require a parent who is
3 receiving extended child care assistance to pay a series of incremental
4 increases in the portion of the parental share of the child care costs on a
5 scheduled basis based upon a formula established by the county; except
6 that assistance shall not be provided if said income exceeds the maximum
7 level for eligibility for services set by federal law for a family of the same
8 size. The county shall work with the person to provide a gradual transition
9 off of the child care assistance over a two-year period. Each county
10 department shall set its own parental fee schedule and may consult with
11 the state department on setting the parental fee schedule.

12 (6) A county may participate in the pilot program on and after July
13 1, 2012, and through ~~July 1, 2016~~ JUNE 30, 2019. A county shall operate
14 the pilot program for at least two years. A county may apply to participate
15 in the pilot program on or before January 1, ~~2014~~ 2017. Each
16 participating county SHALL IDENTIFY THE FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN THE
17 PILOT PROGRAM IN THAT COUNTY. THE STATE DEPARTMENT shall collect
18 ALL data on the pilot program. ~~and shall work with~~ The state department
19 ~~to~~ SHALL evaluate and report on the pilot program using measurable
20 outcomes.

21 (7) The state department shall compile the data submitted by the
22 counties pursuant to subsection (6) of this section and submit a report on
23 the pilot program with the state department's findings and
24 recommendations to the house PUBLIC health and ~~environment~~ HUMAN
25 SERVICES committee and to the senate health and human services
26 committee, or any successor committees. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL
27 MAKE ITS REPORT ON THE PILOT PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON

1 ITS WEB SITE AND THROUGH OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS. The state
2 department shall submit its report TO THE COMMITTEES on or before
3 October 1, ~~2015~~ 2019.

4 (8) This section is repealed, effective July 1, ~~2016~~ 2020.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 26-2-809 and
6 26-2-810 as follows:

7 **26-2-809. Colorado child care assistance program**
8 **enhancement fund - creation - legislative declaration - grants - rules**

9 **- repeal.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT ONE OF THE MOST
10 EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY IS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF
11 THE PARENTS AND THE CHILD TOGETHER. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THESE
12 TWO-GENERATION POVERTY-REDUCTION STRATEGIES ARE THE MOST
13 EFFECTIVE WAY TO COMBAT POVERTY. THE COLORADO CHILD CARE
14 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHOULD MEET THE DUAL GOALS OF ALLOWING THE
15 PARENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKFORCE OR ENGAGE IN EDUCATION
16 AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES TO BETTER PREPARE FOR THE WORKFORCE
17 WHILE ALSO PROVIDING THE CHILDREN WITH CARE IN A HIGH-QUALITY
18 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT RESULTS IN THE CHILDREN BEING READY
19 FOR SCHOOL.

20 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT THE COLORADO
21 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHOULD EXPAND ACCESS TO MORE
22 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WITH PARENTS WHO ARE EITHER WORKING OR WHO
23 ARE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES TO BETTER PREPARE FOR THE WORKFORCE.

24 (c) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT, IN MEETING
25 THE GOALS OF EXPANDING ACCESS TO CHILD CARE AND PROMOTING
26 QUALITY CHILD CARE, THERE NEEDS TO BE A BALANCE BETWEEN THE
27 ROLES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE

1 COUNTIES. IN STRIKING THAT BALANCE, WHERE POSSIBLE, COUNTIES
2 SHOULD HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT LOCAL SOLUTIONS THAT
3 MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

4 (2) THERE IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE COLORADO
5 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT FUND, REFERRED TO IN
6 THIS SECTION AS THE "ENHANCEMENT FUND", CONSISTING OF ANY MONEYS
7 THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATED TO THE ENHANCEMENT FUND BY THE
8 GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE MONEYS IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND ARE
9 SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTY
11 DEPARTMENTS FOR ANY OF THE PURPOSES OR STRATEGIES STATED IN
12 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE TREASURER MAY INVEST ANY
13 MONEYS IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
14 THIS SECTION AS PROVIDED BY LAW. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT
15 ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT
16 OF MONEYS IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND TO THE FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED
17 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND AT
18 THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE
19 CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANOTHER FUND.

20 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A GRANT PROGRAM
21 AND AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO APPLY FOR
22 GRANTS FROM THE ENHANCEMENT FUND. THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY
23 ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY CONCERNING THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND
24 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM. COUNTIES ARE HIGHLY
25 ENCOURAGED TO COLLABORATE WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS AND
26 OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS AS NECESSARY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
27 THE APPLICATION. GRANTS MAY BE AWARDED TO COUNTIES FOR

1 UNDERTAKING ACTIVITIES THAT IMPROVE ACCESS TO OR IMPROVE THE
2 QUALITY OF CHILD CARE THROUGH ONE OF THE PURPOSES OR STRATEGIES
3 STATED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT
4 REVIEWS APPLICATIONS AND DETERMINES WHICH APPLICATIONS WILL
5 RECEIVE GRANTS AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT. TO THE EXTENT
6 POSSIBLE AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE STATE
7 DEPARTMENT MUST MANAGE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN THE
8 ENHANCEMENT FUND AND ALLOCATE THE GRANTS AWARDED TO COUNTIES
9 EQUALLY AMONG THE PURPOSES OR STRATEGIES STATED IN SUBSECTION
10 (4) OF THIS SECTION. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE
11 SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EACH
12 COUNTY AWARDED A GRANT GOVERNING HOW THE COUNTY WILL
13 IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM OR STRATEGY FUNDED BY THE GRANT AND HOW
14 THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE FUNDING TO UNDERTAKE THE PROGRAM OR
15 STRATEGY. THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING MAY ALSO INDICATE
16 IF THERE ARE RULES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT ARE WAIVED IN
17 ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM OR STRATEGY.

18 (4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD A GRANT FROM THE
19 ENHANCEMENT FUND TO A COUNTY FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES
20 OR STRATEGIES:

21 (a) (I) TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY FOR THE
22 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF PARTICIPATING IN A CLIFF EFFECT PILOT
23 PROGRAM UNDER SECTION 26-2-808 AND THE EXPENSES OF PROVIDING
24 CONTINUED BENEFITS UNDER THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE
25 PROGRAM AS PART OF A CLIFF EFFECT PILOT PROGRAM;

26 (II) THIS PARAGRAPH (a) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020,
27 UNLESS THE CLIFF EFFECT PILOT PROGRAM IN SECTION 26-2-808 IS

1 EXTENDED.

2 (b) TO EXPAND ACCESS TO CHILD CARE UNDER THE COLORADO
3 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY PROVIDING A FULL OR PARTIAL
4 SUBSIDY FOR CHILD CARE WITHOUT A COUNTY CONTRIBUTION FOR AN
5 ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES OVER THOSE SERVED IN THE COUNTY'S
6 CCCAP AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION; OR

7 (c) TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S EXPENSES FOR
8 UNDERTAKING MORE THAN ONE ACTIVITY OR STRATEGY TO PROMOTE
9 QUALITY CHILD CARE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (5) GRANT MONEYS AWARDED TO A COUNTY OUT OF THE
11 ENHANCEMENT FUND DO NOT AFFECT THE COUNTY'S BLOCK GRANT FOR
12 THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND DO NOT AFFECT
13 THE COUNTY'S MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT FOR THE COLORADO CHILD CARE
14 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. A COUNTY IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE LOCAL
15 FUNDS TO QUALIFY FOR A GRANT FROM THE ENHANCEMENT FUND.

16 (6) A COUNTY MAY APPLY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR A
17 GRANT FROM THE ENHANCEMENT FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING
18 THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COLORADO CHILD CARE
19 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THAT COUNTY BY UP TO FIFTEEN PERCENT OVER
20 THE NUMBER SERVED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2014. THE INCREASE IN THE
21 NUMBER OF FAMILIES SHALL BE FAMILIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
22 PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN CCCAP OR SHALL BE FAMILIES THAT HAVE NOT
23 BEEN SERVED IN CCCAP IN THE SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DISBURSEMENT
24 OF THE GRANT MONEYS . THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT WILL PROVIDE
25 FUNDING TO COVER THE FULL COSTS OF PROVIDING CHILD CARE
26 ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW POPULATION AND TO AN INDIVIDUAL FAMILY
27 NEWLY SERVED UNDER THE GRANT FOR AS LONG AS THAT FAMILY REMAINS

1 ELIGIBLE FOR CCCAP. THE COUNTY IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ANY
2 COUNTY CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO
3 THE NEW POPULATION. <{*should this be tied to the state's fiscal year or*
4 *to the counties' fiscal year which is a calendar year?*>

5 (7) A COUNTY MAY APPLY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR A
6 GRANT FROM THE ENHANCEMENT FUND TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE
7 COUNTY'S EXPENSES FOR ENGAGING IN MORE THAN ONE ACTIVITY OR
8 STRATEGY TO PROMOTE QUALITY CHILD CARE, INCLUDING THE
9 FOLLOWING:

10 (a) DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A TIERED QUALITY
11 REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY'S CCCAP TIED TO THE
12 STATE'S TIERED QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM FOR
13 HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS;

14 (b) SUPPORTING CARE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS BY
15 SUPPLEMENTING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM A GRANT THROUGH THE
16 COLORADO INFANT AND TODDLER QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY GRANT
17 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE 6.7 OF THIS TITLE;

18 (c) SUPPORTING PROVIDERS IN CCCAP IN SEEKING
19 ACCREDITATION THROUGH A NATIONAL ACCREDITING BODY;

20 (d) WAIVING OR SUBSTANTIALLY DECREASING CO-PAYMENTS PAID
21 BY PARENTS IN CCCAP IF THE PARENTS ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN IN
22 HIGH-QUALITY CHILD CARE;

23 (e) REDUCING WORK REQUIREMENTS, JOB SEARCH REQUIREMENTS,
24 OR OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, OR LOWERING CO-PAYMENTS IN
25 CCCAP IF PARENTS ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN IN HIGH-QUALITY CHILD
26 CARE;

27 (f) EXTENDING CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE IN CCCAP FOR A

1 MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS TO PARENTS ENGAGED IN POST-SECONDARY
2 EDUCATION OR OTHER WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
3 PROGRAMS;

4 (g) PROMOTING STABILITY IN PROVIDER AND COUNTY BUDGETS
5 FOR CCCAP THROUGH CONTRACTING FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF
6 AUTHORIZED REIMBURSEMENTS AND PRIORITIZING THE NUMBER OF
7 CONTRACTS FOR CARE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS;

8 (h) IMPLEMENTING A REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM FOR PROVIDERS IN
9 CCCAP THAT ACCOUNTS FOR OPERATING COSTS FOR AN ENROLLED
10 CHILD'S ABSENCE OR ILLNESS AND FOR HOLIDAYS;

11 (i) MITIGATING THE CLIFF EFFECT THROUGH OTHER STRATEGIES
12 OUTSIDE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM SO THAT CHILDREN DO NOT EXPERIENCE
13 A DISRUPTION IN THE CONTINUITY OF CARE;

14 (j) INCREASING REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR CHILD CARE
15 PROVIDERS TO AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE LOCAL MARKET
16 RATE AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S MARKET RATE
17 SURVEY; AND

18 (k) OTHER ACTIVITIES DETERMINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT
19 TO IMPROVE QUALITY WITH MEASURABLE OUTCOMES TIED TO SCHOOL
20 READINESS AND TO CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING.

21 **26-2-810. Colorado child care assistance program - annual**
22 **report to the general assembly.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015,
23 AND ON OR BEFORE EVERY JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE STATE
24 DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE HOUSE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND
25 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN
26 SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, ON THE
27 COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE STATE DEPARTMENT

1 SHALL ALSO MAKE THIS REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH ITS
2 WEB SITE OR THROUGH OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS.

3 (2) THE ANNUAL REPORT MUST INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE
4 LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

5 (a) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED THROUGH
6 CCCAP STATEWIDE AND BY COUNTY, THE GEOGRAPHIC AND
7 DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND INCOME LEVELS OF THE
8 FAMILIES BASED ON THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, AND THE NUMBER OF
9 FAMILIES SERVED BY AND THE LENGTH OF TIME SERVED THROUGH THE
10 CLIFF EFFECT PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 26-2-808;

11 (b) THE NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED FROM THE COLORADO
12 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT FUND CREATED IN
13 SECTION 26-2-809, THE AMOUNT AND PURPOSE OF EACH GRANT, AND THE
14 IMPACT OF EACH GRANT ON IMPROVING ACCESS TO CHILD CARE OR
15 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CHILD CARE;

16 (c) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AUTHORIZED FOR A FULL- OR
17 PART-DAY REIMBURSEMENT IN CCCAP IN EACH COUNTY;

18 (d) THE POPULATION OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT SERVED
19 BY CCCAP BOTH STATEWIDE AND BY COUNTY;

20 (e) THE CONTINUITY OF CARE AND ATTACHMENT TO THE
21 WORKFORCE SUPPORTED BY CCCAP AS MEASURED BY THE CONTINUOUS
22 NUMBER OF MONTHS A CHILD IS IN CARE AND THE INSTANCES OF
23 DISRUPTIONS IN WORKFORCE ATTACHMENT BY PARENTS;

24 (f) THE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS SERVING CHILDREN ENROLLED IN
25 CCCAP BY COUNTY AND HOW MANY NEW PROVIDERS ACCEPT CHILDREN
26 THROUGH CCCAP AFTER THE PASSAGE OF HB/SB 14-___; <***this blank***
27 ***will be filled in with the bill number of this bill after it is introduced***>

1 (g) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CCCAP SERVED IN EACH TIER OF
2 THE STATE'S NEW TIERED QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM;

3 (h) THE PERCENTAGE OF AUTHORIZATIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT
4 IN CCCAP FOR WHICH THERE ARE CONTRACTS WITH PROVIDERS,
5 INCLUDING HOW MANY ARE FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS, OR CHILDREN, AND
6 THE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS PER CATEGORY;

7 (i) THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME A FAMILY IS AUTHORIZED FOR
8 A SUBSIDY UNDER CCCAP INSTEAD OF BEING ELIGIBLE FOR FULL
9 ASSISTANCE AND THE STANDARD DEVIATION OF THAT DATA;

10 (j) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES WHO EXPERIENCE
11 THE CLIFF EFFECT AND ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR CHILD CARE
12 ASSISTANCE AFTER A REDETERMINATION;

13 (k) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES WHO DO NOT
14 RETURN FOR A REDETERMINATION; AND

15 (l) A COMPARISON BY COUNTY OF THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR
16 CCCAP PROVIDERS COMPARED TO THE LOCAL MARKET RATE FOR CHILD
17 CARE IN EACH COUNTY.

18 **SECTION 4. 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. <does the task force
21 want to have a safety clause on the bill?>