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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS  
102 WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS.

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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>.)*

**Legislative Oversight Committee for the Continuing Examination of the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness Who Are Involved in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems.** The bill extends the repeal date for the legislative oversight committee for the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

continuing examination of the treatment of persons with mental illness who are involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems and associated task force from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2020. The legislative oversight committee and task force are renamed the legislative oversight committee and task force concerning the treatment of persons with mental illness in the criminal and juvenile justice systems (oversight committee and task force), and the cash fund is renamed accordingly. Two new members are added to the task force, one from the office of the child's representative and one from the office of the alternate defense counsel. The task force is assigned additional duties. Authorization is granted to provide travel compensation and reimbursement for members of the task force, subject to available funds.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.9-102, **amend**  
3 (2) as follows:

4           **18-1.9-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
5 otherwise requires:

6           (2) "Task force" means the task force ~~for the continuing~~  
7 ~~examination of~~ CONCERNING the treatment of persons with mental illness  
8 ~~who are involved~~ in the criminal and juvenile justice systems established  
9 pursuant to section 18-1.9-104.

10           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.9-103, **amend**  
11 (1) (a), (1) (d), (2) (a), and (2) (c) (I) as follows:

12           **18-1.9-103. Legislative oversight committee concerning the**  
13 **treatment of persons with mental illness in the criminal and juvenile**  
14 **justice systems - creation - duties.** (1) **Creation.** (a) There is hereby  
15 created a legislative oversight committee ~~for the continuing examination~~  
16 ~~of~~ CONCERNING the treatment of persons with mental illness ~~who are~~  
17 ~~involved~~ in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

18           (d) (I) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2-2-307, C.R.S.,  
19 the committee may receive payment of per diem and reimbursement for

1 actual and necessary expenses authorized pursuant to said section and any  
2 other direct or indirect costs associated with the duties of the committee  
3 set forth in this article only from moneys appropriated from the  
4 ~~examination of the~~ treatment of persons with mental illness in the  
5 criminal AND JUVENILE justice ~~system~~ SYSTEMS cash fund created in  
6 section 18-1.9-106.

7 (II) The director of research of the legislative council and the  
8 director of the office of legislative legal services may supply staff  
9 assistance to the committee as they deem appropriate, within existing  
10 appropriations. If staff assistance is not available within existing  
11 appropriations, then the director of research of the legislative council and  
12 the director of the office of legislative legal services may supply staff  
13 assistance to the task force only if moneys are credited to the ~~examination~~  
14 ~~of the~~ treatment of persons with mental illness in the criminal AND  
15 JUVENILE justice ~~system~~ SYSTEMS cash fund created in section 18-1.9-106  
16 in an amount sufficient to fund staff assistance.

17 (2) **Duties.** (a) ~~The committee shall meet at least once on or~~  
18 ~~before August 1, 2004.~~ Beginning in 2005 and continuing each year  
19 thereafter, ~~through 2014,~~ the committee shall meet at least three times  
20 each year and at such other times as it deems necessary. ~~except that the~~  
21 ~~committee shall not meet during the 2010 interim.~~

22 (c) (I) The committee shall submit a report to the general assembly  
23 by January 15, 2005, ~~by each January 15 thereafter through January 15,~~  
24 ~~2010, and by January 15, 2012,~~ and by each January 15 thereafter.  
25 ~~through January 15, 2015.~~ The annual reports ~~shall~~ MUST summarize the  
26 issues addressing the treatment of persons with mental illness who are  
27 involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems that have been

1 considered and ~~any~~ recommended legislative proposals, IF ANY.

2 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.9-104, **amend**  
3 (1) (a), (1) (c) introductory portion, (1) (c) (IV) introductory portion, (1)  
4 (c) (XV), (2) (a) introductory portion, (2) (b) introductory portion, (2) (c)  
5 introductory portion, (2) (e) introductory portion, (2) (f) introductory  
6 portion, (3), and (5); and **add** (1) (c) (XVII), (1) (c) (XVIII), and (2) (g)  
7 as follows:

8 **18-1.9-104. Task force concerning treatment of persons with**  
9 **mental illness in the criminal and juvenile justice systems - creation**  
10 **- membership - duties.** (1) **Creation.** (a) There is hereby created a task  
11 force ~~for the continuing examination of the treatment of persons with~~  
12 CONCERNING TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH mental illness ~~who are~~  
13 ~~involved~~ in the criminal and juvenile justice systems in Colorado. The  
14 task force shall consist of ~~thirty~~ THIRTY-TWO members appointed as  
15 provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection (1).

16 (c) The chair and vice-chair of the committee shall appoint  
17 ~~twenty-six~~ TWENTY-EIGHT members as follows:

18 (IV) ~~Six~~ FIVE members who represent the department of human  
19 services, as follows:

20 (XV) One member who represents the department of health care  
21 policy and financing; ~~and~~

22 (XVII) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S  
23 REPRESENTATIVE; AND

24 (XVIII) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE OFFICE OF THE  
25 ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL.

26 (2) **Issues for study.** The task force shall examine the  
27 identification, diagnosis, and treatment of persons with mental illness

1 who are involved in the state criminal and juvenile justice systems,  
2 including an examination of liability, safety, and cost as they relate to  
3 these issues. The task force shall specifically consider, but need not be  
4 limited to, the following issues:

- 5 (a) On or before July 1, 2005: ~~the following issues:~~
- 6 (b) On or before July 1, 2006: ~~the following issues:~~
- 7 (c) On or before July 1, 2007: ~~the following issues:~~
- 8 (e) On or before July 1, 2009: ~~the following issues:~~
- 9 (f) Beginning July 1, 2011, through July 1, 2014, ~~the following~~  
10 ~~issues:~~

- 11 (g) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2014:
  - 12 (I) HOUSING FOR A PERSON WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AFTER HIS OR  
13 HER RELEASE FROM THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM;
  - 14 (II) MEDICATION CONSISTENCY, DELIVERY, AND AVAILABILITY;
  - 15 (III) BEST PRACTICES FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION, WITHIN AND  
16 OUTSIDE OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES;
  - 17 (IV) TREATMENT OF CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS;
  - 18 (V) AWARENESS OF AND TRAINING FOR ENHANCED STAFF SAFETY,  
19 INCLUDING EXPANDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROVIDERS;
  - 20 (VI) ISSUES RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION FOR  
21 PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING SAFETY AND  
22 DIRECT RELEASE INTO THE COMMUNITY; AND
  - 23 (VII) ENHANCED DATA COLLECTION RELATED TO ISSUES  
24 AFFECTING PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE CRIMINAL AND  
25 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS.

26 (3) **Additional duties of the task force.** The task force shall  
27 provide guidance and make findings and recommendations to the

1 committee for its development of reports and legislative  
2 recommendations for modification of the criminal and juvenile justice  
3 systems, with respect to persons with mental illness who are involved in  
4 these systems. In addition, the task force shall:

5 (a) On or before August 1, 2004, and by each August 1 thereafter,  
6 ~~through August 1, 2013, except during the suspension of the committee~~  
7 ~~during the 2010 interim,~~ select a chair and a vice-chair from among its  
8 members;

9 (b) Meet at least six times each year, ~~from the date of the first~~  
10 ~~meeting until January 1, 2015,~~ or more often as directed by the chair of  
11 the committee; ~~except that the committee shall not meet during the 2010~~  
12 ~~interim;~~

13 (c) Communicate with and obtain input from groups throughout  
14 the state affected by the issues identified in subsection (2) of this section;

15 (d) Create subcommittees as needed to carry out the duties of the  
16 task force. The subcommittees may consist, in part, of persons who are  
17 not members of the task force. Such persons may vote on issues before  
18 the subcommittee but shall not be entitled to a vote at meetings of the task  
19 force.

20 (e) Submit a report to the committee by October 1, 2004, and by  
21 each October 1 thereafter, ~~through October 1, 2009, and by October 1,~~  
22 ~~2011, and by each October 1 thereafter through October 1, 2014,~~ THAT,  
23 at a minimum, ~~specifying the following~~ SPECIFIES:

24 (I) Issues to be studied in upcoming task force meetings and a  
25 prioritization of those issues;

26 (II) Findings and recommendations regarding issues of prior  
27 consideration by the task force;

1 (III) Legislative proposals of the task force that identify the policy  
2 issues involved, the agencies responsible for the implementation of the  
3 changes, and the funding sources required for ~~such~~ implementation.

4 (5) **Compensation and reimbursement.** NOTWITHSTANDING THE  
5 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-2-307, C.R.S., members of the task force ~~shall~~  
6 ~~serve without~~ MAY RECEIVE compensation AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
7 ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SAID  
8 SECTION AND ANY OTHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
9 THE DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION, BUT ONLY IF  
10 SUFFICIENT MONEYS ARE CREDITED TO THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH  
11 MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS CASH  
12 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 18-1.9-106.

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.9-105, **amend**  
14 (2) as follows:

15 **18-1.9-105. Task force funding - staff support.** (2) The director  
16 of research of the legislative council, the director of the office of  
17 legislative legal services, the director of the division of criminal justice  
18 within the department of public safety, and the executive directors of the  
19 departments represented on the task force may supply staff assistance to  
20 the task force as they deem appropriate within existing appropriations. If  
21 staff assistance is not available from a governmental agency within  
22 existing appropriations, then the executive directors of the departments  
23 represented on the task force, the director of research of the legislative  
24 council, and the director of the office of legislative legal services may  
25 supply staff assistance to the task force only if moneys are credited to the  
26 ~~examination of the~~ treatment of persons with mental illness in the  
27 criminal AND JUVENILE justice ~~system~~ SYSTEMS cash fund created in

1 section 18-1.9-106 in an amount sufficient to fund staff assistance. The  
2 task force may also accept staff support from the private sector.

3 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 18-1.9-106  
4 as follows:

5 **18-1.9-106. Treatment of persons with mental illness in the**  
6 **criminal and juvenile justice systems cash fund - repeal.** (1) All  
7 private and public funds received through grants, contributions, and  
8 donations pursuant to this article shall be transmitted to the state treasurer,  
9 who shall credit the same to the ~~examination of the~~ treatment of persons  
10 with mental illness in the criminal AND JUVENILE justice ~~system~~ SYSTEMS  
11 cash fund, which fund is hereby created and referred to in this section as  
12 the "fund". The moneys in the fund shall be subject to annual  
13 appropriation by the general assembly for the direct and indirect costs  
14 associated with the implementation of this article. All moneys in the fund  
15 not expended for the purpose of this article may be invested by the state  
16 treasurer as provided by law. All interest and income derived from the  
17 investment and deposit of moneys in the fund shall be credited to the  
18 fund. Any unexpended and unencumbered moneys remaining in the fund  
19 at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not be  
20 credited or transferred to the general fund or another fund. All  
21 unexpended and unencumbered moneys remaining in the fund as of July  
22 1, ~~2015~~ 2020, shall be transferred to the general fund.

23 (1.5) (a) ALL UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS  
24 REMAINING IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH  
25 MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM CASH FUND AS OF JULY  
26 1, 2014, SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH  
27 MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS CASH



1 FUND.

2 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (1.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015.

3 (2) Compensation AND REIMBURSEMENT as provided in sections  
4 18-1.9-103 (1) (d), 18-1.9-104 (5), and 18-1.9-105 (2) for members of the  
5 general assembly, THE TASK FORCE, and for staff assistance to the  
6 committee and task force provided by the director of research of the  
7 legislative council and the director of the office of legislative legal  
8 services shall MUST be approved by the chair of the legislative council and  
9 paid by vouchers and warrants drawn as provided by law from moneys  
10 appropriated for such purpose and allocated to the legislative council  
11 from the fund.

12 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 18-1.9-107  
13 as follows:

14 **18-1.9-107. Repeal of article.** This article is repealed, effective  
15 July 1, ~~2015~~ 2020.

16 **SECTION 7. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2014.

17 **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.