

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

SB25-119 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-1-110, **amend**
4 (2)(g) and (2)(h); and **add** (2)(i), (2)(j), and (4) as follows:

5 **26.5-1-110. Unified application - child care, services, and**
6 **education.** (2) At a minimum, the unified application must:

7 (g) Allow for customization as may be necessary for certain
8 programs or services; ~~and~~

9 (h) Coordinate with other agencies and programs, as appropriate,
10 to ensure appropriate referral TO AND ENROLLMENT of children and
11 families ~~to~~ IN early childhood programs administered by other
12 departments;

13 (i) GRANT A PRESCHOOL PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
14 26.5-4-203, ADMINISTRATIVE ACCESS TO THE UNIFIED APPLICATION,
15 WITHOUT REQUIRING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL
16 COORDINATING ORGANIZATION, TO:

17 (I) HELP FAMILIES, UPON THE VERBAL OR WRITTEN REQUEST OF
18 THE FAMILIES TO THE PRESCHOOL PROVIDER, TO ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN
19 IN THE UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM; AND

20 (II) ASSIST FAMILIES, UPON THE VERBAL OR WRITTEN REQUEST OF
21 THE FAMILIES TO THE PRESCHOOL PROVIDER, WITH ANY ADMINISTRATIVE
22 NEEDS REGARDING THE UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM, INCLUDING
23 ASSISTING THE FAMILIES WITH THE COMPLETION OF THEIR FIRST
24 UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM APPLICATION AND MAINTAINING THE
25 CONTINUED ENROLLMENT OF THEIR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING
26 PRESCHOOL SERVICES FROM THE PRESCHOOL PROVIDER; AND

27 (j) GRANT AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
28 22-20-103, ADMINISTRATIVE ACCESS TO THE UNIFIED APPLICATION,
29 WITHOUT REQUIRING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL
30 COORDINATING ORGANIZATION, TO:

31 (I) HELP FAMILIES, UPON THE VERBAL OR WRITTEN REQUEST OF
32 THE FAMILIES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, TO ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN
33 WITH DISABILITIES IN THE UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM; AND

34 (II) ASSIST FAMILIES, UPON THE VERBAL OR WRITTEN REQUEST OF
35 THE FAMILIES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, WITH ANY ADMINISTRATIVE
36 NEEDS REGARDING THE UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM, INCLUDING
37 ASSISTING FAMILIES WITH THE COMPLETION OF THEIR FIRST UNIVERSAL
38 PRESCHOOL PROGRAM APPLICATION AND MAINTAINING THE CONTINUED
39 ENROLLMENT OF THEIR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING PRESCHOOL

1 SERVICES FROM THE PRESCHOOL PROVIDER.

2 (4) SUBSECTIONS (2)(i) AND (2)(j) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT

3 OVERRIDE PARENTAL CHOICE.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-4-204, **amend**

5 (2) as follows:

6 **26.5-4-204. Colorado universal preschool program - created**

7 **- eligibility - workforce development plan - program funding - rules.**

8 (2) (a) For the 2023-24 school year and each school year thereafter,

9 subject to the availability and enrollment capacity of preschool providers,

10 parents throughout the state may enroll their children, free of charge, in

11 ten hours per week of publicly funded preschool services for the school

12 year preceding the school year in which the children are eligible to enroll

13 in kindergarten. The department working with local coordinating

14 organizations, shall identify and recruit preschool providers throughout

15 the state to participate in the Colorado universal preschool program. In

16 identifying and recruiting preschool providers, the department and local

17 coordinating organizations shall, to the extent practicable, establish a

18 mixed delivery system in communities throughout the state that enables

19 parents to select preschool providers for their children from as broad a

20 range as possible within their respective communities.

21 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE ACCESS TO

22 THE UNIFIED APPLICATION, CREATED IN SECTION 26.5-1-110, TO A

23 PRESCHOOL PROVIDER AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, AS DEFINED IN

24 SECTION 22-20-103, ONLY UPON THE VERBAL OR WRITTEN REQUEST OF

25 FAMILIES TO THE PRESCHOOL PROVIDER OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, TO

26 HELP FAMILIES ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN IN THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AND

27 TO ASSIST FAMILIES WITH THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS REGARDING THE

28 PRESCHOOL PROGRAM, INCLUDING ASSISTING FAMILIES WITH THE

29 COMPLETION OF THEIR FIRST PRESCHOOL PROGRAM APPLICATION AND

30 MAINTAINING THE CONTINUED ENROLLMENT OF THEIR CHILDREN WHO

31 HAVE BEEN RECEIVING PRESCHOOL SERVICES FROM THE PRESCHOOL

32 PROVIDER OR ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT. THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL

33 COORDINATING ORGANIZATION SHALL NOT REQUIRE A PRESCHOOL

34 PROVIDER OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT TO USE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE

35 DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL COORDINATING ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO

36 ACCESS THE UNIFIED APPLICATION.

37 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,

38 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate

39 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

40 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state

41 institutions."

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