

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

April 19, 2022

Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB22-1360 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 "SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general
3 assembly finds that:

4 (a) The Colorado child support services program works with
5 parents and caretakers to ensure all Colorado children get the financial
6 support they need to thrive;

7 (b) Counties, in partnership with the state, employ a number of
8 strategies to help secure consistent child support payments for families.
9 These efforts result in the federal government providing incentive
10 payments to the counties to reinvest in the efficient administration of the
11 child support services program.

12 (c) It is Colorado's obligation to invest in and improve
13 technological systems that county departments of human or social
14 services rely on to ensure timely, accurate, and consistent benefits for
15 Coloradans in need. The system, known as the automated child support
16 enforcement system (ACSES), supports child support workers in
17 efficiently administering the child support services program on behalf of
18 the state and is in need of technological enhancements and upgrades.

19 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that, without
20 supplanting state financial resources for ACSES, this act creates an
21 option, but not a requirement, to invest county incentive payments to
22 support minor improvements to ACSES if agreed to by the counties. This
23 act is not meant to replace a future significant investment in any
24 overhauls of the ACSES that may need to occur nor is it meant to create
25 a precedent that funding otherwise designated for counties be used to
26 improve the technology system for the child support services program or
27 any other programs."

- 1 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 2 Page 2, line 12, after "THEREAFTER," insert "THE DECISION ABOUT
3 WHETHER".
- 4 Page 2, line 13, strike "RECEIVES, WHICH" and substitute "RECEIVES FOR
5 THE PURPOSES OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS TO THE
6 AUTOMATED CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AND HOW TO USE THE
7 RETAINED AMOUNT SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
8 RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.
9 THE".
- 10 Page 2, line 23, strike "FOR COUNTY AND STATE JOINT" and substitute "BY
11 WHICH A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICE
12 DIRECTORS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT DETERMINE WHETHER TO RETAIN
13 A PERCENTAGE OF THE FEDERAL INCENTIVES AND DETERMINE HOW THE
14 INCENTIVES ARE INVESTED."
- 15 Page 3, strike line 1.

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