

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 12, 2024
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

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

HB24-1223 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 21 through 23 and substitute:
2 **"education. (3)** A COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ADD
3 ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO THE APPLICATION OR
4 REDETERMINATION PROCESS.

- 5 Page 3, line 25, after "(1.5)" insert "and (3.5)".

- 6 Page 4, after line 9, insert:
7 "(3.5) "CUSTOMER SERVICE" MEANS ACTIVITIES THAT PROVIDE
8 ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS AND
9 NAVIGATING SERVICES, AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO TRANSPARENT AND
10 EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND CONSUMER EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR THE
11 COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND OTHER COUNTY
12 HUMAN SERVICES-ADMINISTERED PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAMS."

- 13 Page 4, line 15, strike "The" and substitute "WITHOUT CREATING A NEW
14 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM, the".

- 15 Page 4, line 20, strike "THE APPLICATION MUST SPECIFY INCOME" and
16 substitute "THE DEPARTMENT AND A COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL
17 PUBLICLY DISCLOSE OR PUBLICIZE INCOME".

- 18 Page 5, line 11, strike "RESIDENCY; THE AGE AND IDENTITY" and substitute
19 "RESIDENCY AND NAME OF THE APPLICANT; THE AGE AND NAME".

- 20 Page 5, lines 13 and 14, strike "SCHEDULE, IF NONTRADITIONAL-CARE
21 HOURS ARE REQUESTED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION OR
22 REDETERMINATION;"

- 1 Page 5, line 18, strike "IMMUNIZATION HISTORY OR CHILD CARE PROVIDER
2 PREFERENCES," and substitute "IMMUNIZATION HISTORY,".
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- 4 Page 5, line 19, strike "A" and substitute "CHILD CARE THAT IS PROVIDED
5 OUTSIDE OF THE CHILD'S HOME BY A NON-RELATIVE".
- 6 Page 5, line 21, after the period add "THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT MAY
7 REQUEST, BUT SHALL NOT REQUIRE, INFORMATION ON CHILD CARE
8 PROVIDER SELECTION AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.".
- 9 Page 5, line 25, after "DEPARTMENT" insert "AND COUNTY
10 DEPARTMENTS".
- 11 Page 5, line 26, after "BY" insert "FULL-TIME".
- 12 Page 5, line 27, after the first "AND" insert "FULL-TIME".
- 13 Page 6, line 1, before "DEPARTMENT" insert "COUNTY".
- 14 Page 6, line 2, strike "A" and substitute "AN".
- 15 Page 6, line 3, strike "PROVIDER," and insert "PROVIDER AND THE
16 PROVIDER FACILITY ACCEPTS CCCAP PAYMENT," before "DEPARTMENT"
17 insert "COUNTY", and strike "FULL".
- 18 Page 6, line 4, after "ASSISTANCE" insert "PROGRAM BENEFITS".
- 19 Page 6, line 7, before "DEPARTMENT" insert "COUNTY".
- 20 Page 6, line 23, strike "The" and substitute "ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026,
21 the".
- 22 Page 6, line 25, strike "SELF-ATTESTATION" and substitute "A MINIMUM
23 ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROCESS".
- 24 Page 7, line 1, strike "NINETY DAYS." and substitute "THREE MONTHS OR
25 UNTIL ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER.".
- 26 Page 7, line 16, strike "COLLECT, BY UTILIZING A PRE-POPULATED
27 APPLICATION," and substitute "COLLECT".
- 28 Page 7, line 17, strike "PREVIOUS" and substitute "MOST RECENT".

- 1 Page 7, line 18, after "APPLICATION" insert "OR REDETERMINATION" and
2 strike "NECESSARY" and substitute "REQUIRED".
- 3 Page 7, line 20, after "(5)" insert "and (6)".
- 4 Page 8, after line 23, insert:
5 "(6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A PROCESS FOR AN
6 UNLICENSED PROVIDER TO SEEK LICENSE-EXEMPT STATUS AND
7 ESTABLISHMENT AS AN ELIGIBLE CCCAP PROVIDER SEPARATE AND
8 DISTINCT FROM THE PARENT-INITIATED PROCESS."
- 9 Page 9, line 6, after the period insert "FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING OR
10 REDETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE, A COUNTY
11 SHALL EXCLUDE FROM THE DEFINITION OF INCOME PAYMENTS MADE TO A
12 FAMILY FROM ANY UNRESTRICTED CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
13 ADMINISTERED BY A GOVERNMENT, INTERMEDIARY, NONPROFIT, OR
14 CORPORATE ENTITY."
- 15 Page 9, line 12, strike the second "and" and substitute "and".
- 16 Page 10, line 1, after "WEBSITES," insert "INCLUDING THE COLORADO
17 SHINES WEBSITE,".
- 18 Page 10, line 10, strike "OTHER THAN" and substitute "IN ADDITION TO".
- 19 Page 10, line 16, after "INCOME" insert "ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026,
20 REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CARE,".
- 21 Page 10, line 17, strike "INCOME;" and substitute "INCOME, UNLESS ONE
22 MONTH OF INCOME DOES NOT PROVIDE AN ACCURATE INDICATION OF
23 ANTICIPATED INCOME, IN WHICH CASE THE COUNTY MAY USE EVIDENCE OF
24 UP TO THE MOST RECENT TWELVE MONTHS OF INCOME;".
- 25 Page 11, line 18, after "rules," insert "ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026,".
- 26 Page 11, line 19, after "rates," insert "THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS".
- 27 Page 11, line 25, after "the" insert "PRIVATE".
- 28 Page 12, line 1, after "INCLUDING" insert "CHILDREN IN UNDERSERVED
29 GEOGRAPHIC AREAS,".

1 Page 12, lines 7 and 8, strike "CHARGE A COUNTY DEPARTMENT" and
2 substitute "BE REIMBURSED".

3 Page 12, line 9, before "RATES." insert "WHEN RECEIVING THE
4 STATE-ESTABLISHED PAYMENT".

5 Page 12, line 12, after "DISORDER" insert "TREATMENT."

6 Page 12, strike lines 13 through 26 and substitute:
7 "PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, EVIDENCE-BASED
8 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT PROGRAM AT AN INTENSIVE
9 OUTPATIENT SERVICE LEVEL OF CARE OR HIGHER MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS
10 AN ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY FOR A WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM."

11 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

12 Page 13, line 20, strike "2024." and substitute "2026."

13 Page 13, strike lines 21 through 27.

14 Page 14, strike lines 1 through 24 and substitute:
15 "SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 26.5-4-121 as
16 follows:

17 **26.5-4-121. Child and adult care food program feasibility**
18 **study.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT
19 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, SHALL CONDUCT OR CONTRACT
20 FOR A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF DE-LINKING ELIGIBILITY
21 FOR THE FEDERAL CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM FROM THE
22 COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE STUDY MUST
23 INCLUDE:

24 (a) RESEARCH ON ALTERNATIVE ELIGIBILITY PROCESSES FOR
25 PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
26 THAT IS SPECIFICALLY TAILORED FOR LICENSE-EXEMPT FAMILY, FRIEND,
27 AND NEIGHBOR PROVIDERS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 26.5-3-808; AND

28 (b) GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
29 OF ALTERNATIVE ELIGIBILITY PROCESSES TO ENSURE ADEQUATE
30 OVERSIGHT WITHOUT CREATING UNDUE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS FOR
31 THE DEPARTMENT OR LICENSE-EXEMPT FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR
32 PROVIDERS, WHILE ENSURING THE NUTRITIONAL WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN
33 IN THE PROVIDER'S CARE."

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