

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 16, 2024
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

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

SB24-125 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 38, after line 18 insert:

2 **"24-60-1803. Working group to review proposal for enactment**
3 **of compact - membership - recommendations to Colorado's**
4 **commissioner.** (1) AFTER THIS PART 18 TAKES EFFECT PURSUANT TO
5 SECTION 24-60-1804, AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL
7 CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE PROPOSAL FOR ENACTMENT
8 OF THE REVISED INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN.

9 (2) THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE WORKING GROUP MUST
10 BE MADE:

11 (a) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL
12 APPOINT:

13 (I) A MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AN URBAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT
14 OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES; AND

15 (II) A MEMBER WHO IS A COUNTY ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTS AN
16 URBAN COUNTY;

17 (b) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 SHALL APPOINT:

19 (I) A MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A RURAL COUNTY DEPARTMENT
20 OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES; AND

21 (II) A MEMBER WHO IS A COUNTY ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTS A
22 RURAL COUNTY;

23 (c) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT A MEMBER WHO
24 REPRESENTS A NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION THAT ADVOCATES FOR CIVIL
25 LIBERTIES;

26 (d) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT:

27 (I) A MEMBER WHO IS A CURRENT OR RETIRED JUVENILE JUDGE OR

1 MAGISTRATE; AND
2 (II) A MEMBER WHO HAS LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH PARTICIPATING
3 IN AN INTERSTATE COMPACT PLACEMENT OR HOME STUDY; AND
4 (e) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
5 SERVICES OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL APPOINT:
6 (I) A MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
7 THAT ADVOCATES FOR PARENTS WITH LIMITED INCOMES; AND
8 (II) A MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION THAT
9 ADVOCATES FOR RELATIVE AND KINSHIP PLACEMENTS.
10 (3) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS MUST INCLUDE:
11 (a) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN, OR THE OMBUDSMAN'S
12 DESIGNEE;
13 (b) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE RESPONDENT
14 PARENTS' COUNSEL, CREATED IN SECTION 13-92-103; AND
15 (c) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S
16 REPRESENTATIVE, CREATED IN SECTION 13-91-104.
17 (4) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL REVIEW AND MAKE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS, ACCORDING TO A TIME FRAME DETERMINED BY THE
19 WORKING GROUP, TO COLORADO'S COMMISSIONER TO THE COMPACT ON
20 THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:
21 (a) EVALUATING THE CURRENT COMPACT PROCESS FOR CHILDREN
22 AND FAMILIES;
23 (b) DETERMINING THE STATUS OF COLORADO'S IMPLEMENTATION
24 OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRONIC INTERSTATE COMPACT ENTERPRISE
25 REQUIREMENTS AND WHAT EFFECT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE
26 REQUIREMENTS MAY HAVE ON COLORADO;
27 (c) IMPROVING THE USE OF CROSS-BORDER AGREEMENTS;
28 (d) IDENTIFYING ANY BARRIERS TO PLACING CHILDREN IN
29 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES OUT OF STATE AND OPTIONS FOR
30 ADDRESSING BARRIERS WITHIN EXISTING LAW;
31 (e) IDENTIFYING AND PRIORITIZING ANY ALTERNATIVE EFFORTS
32 BEING MADE TO ADDRESS INTERSTATE PLACEMENT ISSUES AT THE
33 NATIONAL LEVEL; AND
34 (f) IDENTIFYING LANGUAGE AND PROCESSES TO IMPROVE
35 INTERSTATE PLACEMENTS.
36 **24-60-1804. Notice to revisor of statutes.** THIS PART 18 WILL
37 TAKE EFFECT ON THE DATE THE COMPACT IS ENACTED INTO LAW IN THE
38 THIRTY-FIFTH COMPACT STATE. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
39 COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL NOTIFY THE REVISOR
40 OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE WHEN THE CONDITION SPECIFIED IN
41 THIS SECTION HAS OCCURRED BY E-MAILING THE NOTICE TO
42 REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV. THIS PART 18 TAKES EFFECT UPON
43 THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE THAT THE THIRTY-FIFTH STATE

- 1 ADOPTED THE COMPACT OR, IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT DATE,
- 2 UPON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES."

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