

CHAPTER 245

CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC MATTERS

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also SENATOR(S) Coram and Fields, Aguilar, Court, Fenberg, Garcia, Guzman, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Moreno, Priola, Tate, Todd, Williams A.

AN ACT

CONCERNING A TRAINING PROGRAM TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE FOR PERSONS WHO WORK WITH YOUNG CHILDREN IN SOME CAPACITY AS PART OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3.5-105, **amend** (1) introductory portion; and **add** (1)(f.5) as follows:

19-3.5-105. Powers and duties of the board. (1) The board ~~shall have~~ **HAS** the following powers and duties:

(f.5) TO EXPEND THE MONEY OF THE TRUST FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION, MAINTENANCE, AND MONITORING OF AN EVIDENCE-BASED OR RESEARCH-BASED CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING MODEL TO PREVENT AND REDUCE THE OCCURRENCE OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE. THE TRAINING MODEL MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS WHO INTERACT WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PARENTS, CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, LIBRARIANS, CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS STAFF, AND OTHER MANDATORY REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3.5-107, **amend** (1) as follows:

19-3.5-107. Disbursement of grants from the trust fund. (1) Grants may be awarded to provide ~~moneys~~ **MONEY** for the start-up, continuance, or expansion of

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primary or secondary prevention programs, including pilot programs and home visitation programs, to provide educational and public informational seminars, and to study and evaluate primary and secondary prevention programs, pilot programs, and home visitation programs. In addition, grants may be awarded for programs to prevent and reduce the occurrence of prenatal drug exposure AND AN EVIDENCE-BASED OR RESEARCH-BASED CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING MODEL TO PREVENT AND REDUCE THE OCCURRENCE OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 26-6.5-107** as follows:

26-6.5-107. Voluntary child care credentialing system - rules. The state department shall develop and maintain a statewide voluntary child care credentialing system that recognizes the training and educational achievements of persons providing early childhood care and education. The use of the voluntary child care credentialing system ~~shall~~ MUST include but need not be limited to the early childhood councils. The voluntary child care credentialing system ~~shall be~~ is a multi-tiered system of graduated credentials that reflects the increased training, education, knowledge, skills, and competencies of persons working in early childhood care and education services in the various councils. THE VOLUNTARY CHILD CARE CREDENTIALING SYSTEM MUST AWARD CREDIT FOR THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PERSONS WORKING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE. SUCH EDUCATION AND TRAINING INCLUDES UNDERSTANDING HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT, CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN, RECOGNIZING SIGNS OF ABUSE AND PROBLEMATIC BEHAVIORS, AND RESPONSIBLE METHODS OF RESPONSE TO DISCLOSURES OR CONCERNS OF ABUSE OR POTENTIAL ABUSE. The state board shall promulgate such rules as are necessary for the statewide implementation of the voluntary child care credentialing system.

SECTION 4. Appropriation. For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, \$158,374 is appropriated to the department of human services. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the Colorado children's trust fund.

SECTION 5. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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