

CHAPTER 84

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

SENATE BILL 19-031

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE CHILD WELFARE ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-5-103.5, **amend** (2)(a), (2)(b), and (2)(c); and **add** (2)(e) as follows:

26-5-103.5. Child welfare allocations committee - organization - advisory duties - funding model - allocations model - definitions. (2) (a) The committee consists of thirteen members, ~~eight~~ **TEN** of whom must be appointed by county commissioners and ~~five~~ **THREE** of whom must be appointed by the state DEPARTMENT, AND THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF TWO NONVOTING MEMBERS WHO MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

~~(b) Of the members appointed by the state department, at least two members must be representatives from the two counties in the state with the greatest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload.~~ THE TWO NONVOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT MUST HAVE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- (I) FEDERAL FUNDING RELATED TO CHILD WELFARE;
- (II) THE FEDERAL "FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT OF 2018", AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-5-101 (4.5);
- (III) INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY; OR

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(IV) INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING POVERTY.

(c) Of the ~~appointments made~~ MEMBERS APPOINTED by county commissioners, only one representative per county may serve on the committee at the same time, and:

(I) One MEMBER must be appointed by the COUNTY commissioners of each of the following regions, as those regions are defined in subsection (2)(d) of this section:

- (A) The eastern region;
- (B) The front range region;
- (C) The mountain region;
- (D) The southern region; and
- (E) The western region; ~~and~~

(II) Three MEMBERS must be at-large appointments. Of the three at-large appointments, two MEMBERS must be appointed by the COUNTY commissioners of the counties described in section 26-5-104 (4)(b)(I), and one must be appointed by the COUNTY commissioners who represent the counties described in section 26-5-104 (4)(b)(II); AND

(III) TWO MEMBERS MUST BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TWO COUNTIES IN THE STATE WITH THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF THE STATE'S CHILD WELFARE CASELOAD. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE TWO COUNTIES WITH THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF THE STATE'S CHILD WELFARE CASELOAD SHALL EACH APPOINT ONE MEMBER FROM THEIR COUNTIES TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.

(e) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2), "COUNTY COMMISSIONERS" MEANS:

(I) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN EACH COUNTY;

(II) IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, THE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES; AND

(III) IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD, THE CITY COUNCIL OR A BOARD OR COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD.

SECTION 2. 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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