A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING PASS-THROUGH CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES

THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill allows the department of human services to promulgate rules to make any necessary changes to the relevant human services automated systems to ensure child support payments are not passed through to temporary assistance for needy families recipients if the general assembly appropriates funds insufficient to maintain the program.
The bill creates the child support collection fund.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-108, amend (1)(b)(II)(B); and add (3) as follows:

26-2-108. Granting of assistance payments and social services - child support collection fund - created - rules. (1) (b) (II) (B) The general assembly may annually appropriate money to the state department in a separate line item to reimburse the counties for fifty percent of child support collections and the federal government for its share of child support collections that are passed through to temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) recipients pursuant to this subparagraph (II). The state department shall allocate and distribute the money to the counties. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subparagraph (II) to the contrary, in any state fiscal year in which the general assembly does not appropriate an amount of money equal to a full fiscal year reimbursement to counties pursuant to the provisions of this sub-subparagraph (B), the state department shall make all necessary changes to the relevant human services automated systems so that child support payments are not passed through to temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) recipients and a county is not required to, but may, implement the child support pass-through to TANF recipients. Should the state department may promulgate rules to make any necessary changes to the relevant human services automated systems so that child support payments are not passed through to temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) recipients if the general
ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATES FUNDS THAT ARE INSUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM. If a county elects to implement a child support pass-through in a fiscal year in which the full amount of money is not appropriated, the COUNTY must utilize its own resources and the state automated systems are not required to support the COUNTY’s implementation.

(3) THE CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR TO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE FUND. SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.