A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, SUSPENDING LEGISLATIVE INTERIM ACTIVITIES DURING THE 2020 INTERIM, CHANGING THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEETINGS THAT THE EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOL READINESS LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION MUST HOLD TO BE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEETINGS ANNUALLY THAT THE COMMISSION MAY HOLD, AND REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment. Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute. Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.)
Executive Committee of the Legislative Council. The bill suspends legislative interim committee activities during the 2020 interim. Specifically, the bill:

- Prohibits the legislative council of the general assembly from prioritizing any requests for legislative interim committees, including task forces, for the 2020 interim; and
- Prohibits meetings, field trips, and legislative recommendations and reports by, and suspends for one year certain reports required to be submitted to, existing legislative interim committees, including the Colorado youth advisory council review committee; wildfire matters review committee; statewide health care review committee; Colorado health insurance exchange oversight committee; pension review commission and pension review subcommittee; early childhood and school readiness legislative commission; water resources review committee; and transportation legislation review committee.

Additionally, the bill removes the requirement that the early childhood and school readiness legislative commission meet at least 4 times each year and instead limits the commission to up to 4 meetings per year.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-303.3, add (3)(d) as follows:

2-3-303.3. Interim committees - repeal.

(3) (d) (I) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the legislative council shall not prioritize any interim committees or approve any task forces for the 2020 interim. Nothing in this subsection (3)(d) prohibits the executive committee of the legislative council, whether before or after the general assembly has adjourned, from approving an interim committee by resolution for the 2020 interim in the manner specified in subsection (3)(c) of this section.
SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-1304, amend (6)(b) as follows:

2-2-1304. Duties - meetings - community outreach - designation of organization to accept donations - authority to contract - repeal. (6)(b) On or before April 30, 2020 APRIL 30, 2021, and on or before April 30 of each year thereafter, the council shall select five members to serve as nonvoting members of the review committee during the subsequent legislative interim.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-1305.5, amend (3)(b), (5), and (6) as follows:

2-2-1305.5. Colorado youth advisory council review committee - created - repeal. (3) (b) On or before April 30, 2020 APRIL 30, 2021, and on or before April 30 of each year thereafter, the chair of the legislative council shall appoint the member serving pursuant to subsection (2)(a)(II) of this section to serve during the subsequent legislative interim.

(5) (a) The review committee may meet up to three times during each interim but may not travel unless authorized by the executive committee of the legislative council. A majority of voting members constitutes a quorum.

(b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET OR TRAVEL DURING THE 2020 INTERIM.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION (5)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

(6) (a) The review committee may recommend up to a total of three bills during each interim. Legislation recommended by the review
committee must be treated as legislation recommended by an interim committee for purposes of applicable deadlines, bill introduction limits, and any other requirements imposed by the joint rules of the general assembly.

(b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY NOT RECOMMEND LEGISLATION DURING THE 2020 INTERIM.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION (6)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1602, amend (1) and (4.5) as follows:

2-3-1602. Wildfire matters review committee - creation - repeal - repeal of part. (1) (a) To address wildfire prevention and mitigation and to review and propose legislation relating to such matters, the wildfire matters review committee is hereby created, and is referred to in this part 16 as the "committee". The committee shall meet at the call of the chair at least once during the interim of each year to review and to propose legislation or other policy changes relating to wildfire prevention and mitigation and all related matters, including, without limitation, public safety, forest health, and cooperation with appropriate federal agencies and local governments. The committee may take up to two field trips during the interim and consult with experts in all fields relating to wildfire prevention and mitigation as may be necessary to achieve the objectives of this part 16. All personnel of any state agency or political subdivision of Colorado involved in wildfire prevention and mitigation, including the Colorado department of public safety and the Colorado state forest service, shall cooperate with the committee and with any persons assisting the committee in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.
(b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET OR TAKE FIELD TRIPS DURING THE 2020 INTERIM.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

(4.5) (a) The committee may recommend up to a total of five bills during each interim. Legislation recommended by the committee must be treated as legislation recommended by an interim committee for purposes of applicable deadlines, bill introduction limits, and any other requirements imposed by the joint rules of the general assembly.

(b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (4.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT RECOMMEND LEGISLATION DURING THE 2020 INTERIM.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION (4.5)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1233, amend (6)(b) as follows:

24-33.5-1233. Colorado fire commission - creation - powers and duties - report - legislative declaration - repeal. (6) Reports.

(b) On or before August 31, 2020 AUGUST 31, 2021, and on or before August 31 each year thereafter, the commission shall report to the wildfire matters review committee on its activities and recommendations.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-221, amend (3) as follows:

10-16-221. Statewide health care review committee - creation - membership - duties - repeal. (3) (a) The committee shall meet no more than two times each legislative interim, unless additional meetings are authorized by the executive committee of the legislative council. Of
the meetings authorized under this subsection (3), the committee may take
up to two field trips per year in connection with its duties mandated under
this section.

(b) (I)  NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION,
the committee shall not meet or take field trips during the 2020
interim.

(II)  THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

SECTION 7.  In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-22-107, amend
(1) and (5) as follows:

10-22-107.  Colorado health insurance exchange oversight
committee - creation - duties - repeal.  (1) (a) For the purposes of
guiding implementation of an exchange in Colorado, making
recommendations to the general assembly, and ensuring that the interests
of Coloradans are protected and furthered, there is hereby created the
Colorado health insurance exchange oversight committee. The committee
shall meet on or before August 1, 2011, and thereafter at the call of the
chair at least two times during each calendar year, but no more than seven
times during each calendar year when the general assembly is not in
session. The committee may meet an unlimited number of times at the call
of the chair when the general assembly is in session. The committee may
use the legislative council staff to assist its members in researching any
matters.

(b) (I)  NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION,
the committee shall not meet during the 2020 interim.

(II)  THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

(5) (a) In any year, the committee may report up to eight bills or
other measures to the legislative council created in section 2-3-301.
These bills are exempt from any applicable bill limit imposed on the individual committee members sponsoring such bills if the bills have been approved by the legislative council under joint rules of the senate and house of representatives.

(b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMITTEE SHALL NEITHER REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NOR RECOMMEND LEGISLATION DURING THE 2020 INTERIM.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION (5)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-51.1-101, add (6) as follows:


(6) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, NEITHER THE COMMISSION NOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL MEET DURING THE 2020 INTERIM, AND LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION DURING THE 2020 INTERIM. HOWEVER, IF A LEGISLATIVE MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ATTENDS A MEETING OR HEARING SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION DURING THE 2020 INTERIM, THE LEGISLATIVE MEMBER IS NOT ENTITLED TO PER DIEM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE REVIEW AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION DURING THE 2020 INTERIM.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6.5-203, amend (2)(a) and (2)(c) as follows:

26-6.5-203. Early childhood and school readiness legislative commission - creation - membership - duties - funding - repeal.
(2) (a) (I) The commission may meet at least up to four times annually. The director of research of the legislative council and the director of the office of legislative legal services shall provide staff assistance to the interim committee. The commission shall study issues concerning early childhood and school readiness, including but not limited to health care, mental health, parental involvement, family support, child care, and early learning. The commission shall solicit input from members of the public, especially those individuals with expertise related to early childhood and school readiness issues, to aid the commission in its work. The commission shall consult with the early childhood leadership commission, created in section 26-6.2-103, with regard to policies concerning early childhood and school readiness.

(II) (A) Notwithstanding subsection (2)(a)(I) of this section, the commission shall not meet during the 2020 interim.

(B) This subsection (2)(a)(II) is repealed, effective July 1, 2021.

(c) (I) The commission shall report to the legislative council by the date specified in joint rule 24 (b)(1)(D). The report may include recommendations for legislation, including but not limited to legislation continuing the commission and an explanation of the additional time and procedures that the commission may require to achieve the commission's study goals. Legislation that the commission recommends shall be treated as legislation recommended by an interim committee for the purposes of the introduction deadlines and bill limitations imposed by the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives.

(II) (A) Notwithstanding subsection (2)(c)(I) of this section, the commission shall neither report to the legislative
COUNCIL NOR RECOMMEND LEGISLATION DURING THE 2020 INTERIM.

(B) THIS SUBSECTION (2)(c)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-98-102, amend (1)(a) as follows:

37-98-102. Water resources review committee - creation - repeal. (1) (a) (I) For the purposes of contributing to and monitoring the conservation, use, development, and financing of the water resources of Colorado for the general welfare of its inhabitants and to review and propose water resources legislation, there is hereby created the water resources review committee, referred to in this article ARTICLE 98 as the "committee". The committee shall meet at the call of the chair as often as six times during even-numbered years and eight times during odd-numbered years to review and to propose water resources legislation and matters relating thereto. No more than two of such meetings may occur during periods other than the interim period; except that the committee shall not meet during the 2010 interim period while the general assembly is in session. In connection with such review, except during the 2010 interim period, the committee may take up to two field trips per year in connection with its mandate and shall consult with experts in the field of water conservation, quality, use, finance, and development. The department of natural resources, the state engineer, and the attorney general, together with the members and staff of the Colorado water conservation board, the Colorado water resources and power development authority, the Colorado water quality control commission, the department of public health and environment, the department of agriculture, and the great outdoors Colorado program, shall cooperate...
with the committee and with any persons assisting the committee in
pursuing its responsibilities pursuant to this section. Further, the
committee may utilize the legislative council staff to assist its members
in researching any matters.

(II) (A)  NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS
SECTION, THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET OR TAKE FIELD TRIPS DURING
THE 2020 INTERIM.

(B)  THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-98-103, amend
(1) as follows:

37-98-103.  Annual recommendations - bill limitation -
deadlines for introduction - repeal. (1) (a) The committee may report
no more than three bills or other measures to the legislative council
created in section 2-3-301 C.R.S., unless a two-thirds majority of the
members of the committee vote to report a greater number. except that the
committee shall not report any bills to the legislative council in 2010. No
bill shall be reported to the legislative council unless a two-thirds majority
of the appointed members of the committee vote to report such bill to the
legislative council. Such greater number shall not exceed one bill or other
measure per member. These bills shall be exempt from any applicable bill
limit imposed on the individual committee members sponsoring such bills
if the bills have been approved by the legislative council no later than
October 15 in even-numbered years and November 15 in odd-numbered
years.

(b) (I)  NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION,
THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT RECOMMEND LEGISLATION DURING THE 2020
SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-60-115, amend (10)(f) and (10)(g) as follows:

37-60-115. Water studies - rules - repeal. (10) High groundwater administration and management pilot projects - report - repeal. (f) The board, in consultation with the state engineer, shall annually report to the water resources review committee, created in section 37-98-102, or its successor committee, on the reported results of the pilot projects. The board, in consultation with the state engineer, shall provide a final report to the water resources review committee or its successor committee by September 1, 2021.

(g) This subsection (10) is repealed, effective July 1, 2022.

SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-2-145, amend (1)(b) as follows:

43-2-145. Transportation legislation review - committee - definition - repeal. (1) (b) (I) The committee shall meet at least once each year to review transportation, traffic, and motor vehicle legislation and may consult with experts in the fields of traffic regulation, the licensing of drivers, the registration and titling of motor vehicles, and highway construction and planning and may consult with the personnel of the department of transportation or the department of revenue as may be necessary. except that the committee shall not meet during the interim. All personnel of the department of transportation, THE department of revenue, or any state agency or political subdivision of Colorado that regulates motor vehicles or traffic shall cooperate with the
committee and with any persons assisting the committee in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section. The committee may review any phase of department of transportation operations, including planning and construction of highway projects, prior to and during the completion of such projects.

   (II) (A) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET OR TAKE ANY FIELD TRIPS OR TOURS OF THE STATE DURING THE 2020 INTERIM.

   (B) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

SECTION 14. Appropriation to the legislative department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Amend as added by House Bill 20-1345 section 1 (1)(a)(I) as follows:

   Section 1. Appropriation. (1) For the 2020-21 state fiscal year, $50,753,612 $50,652,745 is appropriated to the legislative department. This appropriation consists of $49,517,990 $49,417,123 from the general fund, $90,000 from cash funds, and $1,145,622 from reappropriated funds. The legislative department may use this appropriation as follows:

   (a) $17,518,829 $17,417,962 for use by the general assembly, which amount:

   (I) Consists of $17,428,829 $17,327,962 from the general fund and $90,000 from cash funds generated from the sale of bill boxes, legislative directories, and publications and other services provided by the print shop; and

SECTION 15. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.