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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ENHANCING MANDATORY REPORTING FOR PEOPLE**
102 **REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE, AND, IN CONNECTION**
103 **THEREWITH, MAKING 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 <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates the mandatory reporter task force (task force). The purpose of the task force is to analyze best practices and recommend changes to training materials and reporting procedures for people required by law to report child abuse or neglect. The task force shall analyze the effectiveness of mandatory reporting and its relationship with systemic

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issues, including the disproportionate impact of mandatory reporting on families of color and under-resourced communities. The task force may propose clarifications to the law to help implement its recommendations. The task force operates for 2 years. The task force shall submit a final report on its findings and recommendations on January 1, 2025, to the house of representatives public and behavioral health and human services committee and the senate health and human services committee, or their successor committees, the governor, and the department of human services.

The bill also updates mandatory reporting requirements and procedures for people required to report child abuse or neglect (mandatory reporters). The updates include:

- Changing the time frame for reporting child abuse or neglect from "immediately" to "within 24 hours";
- Requiring reporting on unlawful sexual behavior;
- Requiring employers to notify and to provide materials to their employees regarding mandatory reporter responsibilities; and
- Changing the mental state of a person who violates the mandatory reporter provision from "willfully" to "knowingly".

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 19-3-302 as
3 follows:

4 **19-3-302. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
5 declares that the complete reporting of child abuse is a matter of public
6 concern and that, in enacting this part 3, it is the intent of the general
7 assembly to protect the best interests of children of this state and to offer
8 protective services in order to prevent any further harm to a child
9 suffering from abuse. It is also the intent of the general assembly that if
10 a county or group of counties decides to establish a child protection team,
11 that the child protection teams publicly discuss public agencies' responses
12 to child abuse and neglect reports so that the public and the general
13 assembly are better informed concerning the operation and administration

1 of this part 3.

2 (2) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER DECLARES THAT
3 REQUIRING PEOPLE TO REPORT KNOWN OR SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR
4 NEGLECT PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3 IMPACTS THE PEOPLE REPORTING AS
5 WELL AS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. AS A RESULT OF IMPLICIT BIAS,
6 UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS
7 WITH DISABILITIES ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE
8 MANDATORY REPORTING SYSTEM. TO CREATE A MORE EQUITABLE
9 MANDATORY REPORTING SYSTEM, PEOPLE REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD
10 ABUSE OR NEGLECT MUST HAVE ACCESS TO NECESSARY RESOURCES TO
11 REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

12 (I) SPECIALIZED TRAINING TO ADDRESS AND DECREASE THE
13 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES,
14 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES;

15 (II) STANDARDIZED TRAINING AND MATERIALS; AND

16 (III) INFORMATION REGARDING OBLIGATIONS AND PROTECTIONS
17 PURSUANT TO THE LAW.

18 (b) ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH THE CREATION OF A MANDATORY
19 REPORTER TASK FORCE IN THIS PART 3, DIVERSE REPRESENTATIVES FROM
20 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS SERVING FAMILIES AND YOUTH SHALL
21 ANALYZE BEST PRACTICES AND MAY RECOMMEND CHANGES TO TRAINING
22 MATERIALS AND REPORTING PROCEDURES.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 19-3-304.2** as
24 follows:

25 **19-3-304.2. Mandatory reporter task force - creation -**
26 **reporting - definitions - repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS
27 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

1 (a) "IMPLICIT BIAS" MEANS A BIAS OR PREJUDICE THAT IS PRESENT
2 TOWARD AN INDIVIDUAL OR A GROUP OF PEOPLE WITHOUT CONSCIOUS
3 KNOWLEDGE.

4 (b) "MANDATORY REPORTER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED
5 TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-3-304.

6 (c) "MEDICAL CHILD ABUSE" MEANS WHEN A CHILD RECEIVES
7 UNNECESSARY AND HARMFUL OR POTENTIALLY HARMFUL MEDICAL CARE
8 DUE TO A CAREGIVER'S OVERT ACTIONS, INCLUDING EXAGGERATING THE
9 CHILD'S MEDICAL SYMPTOMS, LYING ABOUT THE CHILD'S MEDICAL HISTORY
10 OR FABRICATING THE CHILD'S MEDICAL HISTORY, OR INTENTIONALLY
11 INDUCING ILLNESS IN THE CHILD.

12 (2) THERE IS CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD PROTECTION
13 OMBUDSMAN, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-3.3-102, THE
14 MANDATORY REPORTER TASK FORCE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS
15 THE "TASK FORCE". THE PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE IS TO ANALYZE BEST
16 PRACTICES AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND
17 REPORTING PROCEDURES. THE TASK FORCE SHALL ANALYZE THE
18 EFFECTIVENESS OF MANDATORY REPORTING AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH
19 SYSTEMIC ISSUES, INCLUDING THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF
20 MANDATORY REPORTING ON UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES,
21 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. THE TASK
22 FORCE SHALL FOCUS ON SERVING UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES,
23 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE
24 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE MANDATORY REPORTING
25 SYSTEM. THE TASK FORCE MAY PROPOSE CLARIFICATIONS TO THE LAW TO
26 HELP IMPLEMENT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. THE TASK FORCE MAY MAKE
27 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE

1 GOVERNOR, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND
2 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO UPDATE MANDATORY REPORTER TRAINING
3 REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING CHILD
4 ABUSE OR NEGLECT AND TO CREATE AN EQUITABLE MANDATORY
5 REPORTING SYSTEM FOR ALL COLORADO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN,
6 INCLUDING HOW TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MANDATORY
7 REPORTING AND MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF MANDATORY REPORTING ON
8 UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS
9 WITH DISABILITIES.

10 (3) (a) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

11 (I) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN, AS DESCRIBED IN
12 SECTION 19-3.3-102, OR THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN'S DESIGNEE;

13 (II) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO BE
14 APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, OR
15 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

16 (III) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
17 SAFETY TO BE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
19 DESIGNEE;

20 (IV) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 REGULATORY AGENCIES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
22 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES, OR THE EXECUTIVE
23 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

24 (V) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
25 TO BE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION OF THE
26 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OR THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION'S
27 DESIGNEE; AND

1 (VI) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE
2 CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN OR THE CHILD PROTECTION
3 OMBUDSMAN'S DESIGNEE:

4 (A) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE EDUCATION
5 ORGANIZATION THAT INCLUDES RURAL AREAS;

6 (B) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;

7 (C) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING RURAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS;

8 (D) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING URBAN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS;

9 (E) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL
10 ADVOCATES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-91-103;

11 (F) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S
12 REPRESENTATIVE, AS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 13-91-104;

13 (G) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER, AS
14 DEFINED IN SECTION 19-1-103;

15 (H) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS;

16 (I) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC
17 DEFENDER, AS CREATED IN SECTION 21-1-101, OR THE OFFICE OF THE
18 ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL, AS CREATED IN SECTION 21-2-101;

19 (J) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OR
20 A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING COUNTY ATTORNEYS'
21 OFFICES;

22 (K) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE RESPONDENT
23 PARENTS' COUNSEL, AS CREATED IN SECTION 13-92-103;

24 (L) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING FAMILY LAW ATTORNEYS;

25 (M) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE
26 NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION SPECIALIZING IN THE PREVENTION OF
27 CHILD MALTREATMENT;

- 1 (N) ONE MEMBER FROM A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
- 2 REPRESENTING HOSPITALS;
- 3 (O) ONE MEMBER FROM A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
- 4 REPRESENTING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS;
- 5 (P) ONE MEMBER FROM A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
- 6 REPRESENTING MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS;
- 7 (Q) ONE MEMBER FROM A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
- 8 REPRESENTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH;
- 9 (R) ONE MEMBER FROM A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
- 10 REPRESENTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES;
- 11 (S) FIVE MEMBERS REPRESENTING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED
- 12 EXPERIENCE IN THE MANDATORY REPORTING SYSTEM;
- 13 (T) ONE MEMBER FROM A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION SERVING
- 14 UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES;
- 15 (U) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN ACADEMIC EXPERT ON THE
- 16 MANDATORY REPORTING SYSTEM EMPLOYED AT A STATE INSTITUTION OF
- 17 HIGHER EDUCATION;
- 18 (V) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
- 19 SERVING OR REPRESENTING VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC
- 20 VIOLENCE;
- 21 (W) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
- 22 SERVING OR REPRESENTING VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL
- 23 VIOLENCE;
- 24 (X) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING CONFIDENTIAL VICTIM
- 25 ADVOCATES; AND
- 26 (Y) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A STATE-LICENSED CHILD CARE
- 27 PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-6-102 (6).

1 (b) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE APPOINTMENTS ON
2 OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2022. IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS, THE
3 APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL SELECT MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT
4 DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS, GENDERS, RELIGIONS, SOCIOECONOMIC
5 STATUSES, IMMIGRATION STATUSES, AND LANGUAGES. THE TERM OF THE
6 APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE DURATION OF THE TASK FORCE. THE APPOINTING
7 AUTHORITIES SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY SUBJECT TO THE SAME
8 QUALIFICATIONS AS THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT.

9 (4) EACH MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE SERVES WITHOUT
10 COMPENSATION. NONGOVERNMENTAL MEMBERS MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR
11 REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES
12 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

13 (5) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN OR THE CHILD
14 PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN'S DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR, AND
15 THE TASK FORCE SHALL SELECT A VICE-CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.
16 THE CHAIR AND THE VICE-CHAIR SHALL SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE
17 TASK FORCE AS THE CHAIR AND THE VICE-CHAIR.

18 (6) (a) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN, OR THE CHILD
19 PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN'S DESIGNEE, SHALL CONVENE THE FIRST
20 MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2023. THE TASK
21 FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY OTHER MONTH UNTIL THE TASK
22 FORCE SUBMITS ITS FINAL REPORT. THE CHAIR MAY CALL ADDITIONAL
23 MEETINGS AS NECESSARY FOR THE TASK FORCE TO FULFILL ITS DUTIES.
24 THE TASK FORCE SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF
25 THE TASK FORCE TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS REMOTELY.

26 (b) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN, OR THE CHILD
27 PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN'S DESIGNEE, SHALL OPEN THE MEETINGS TO THE

1 PUBLIC, PROVIDE ADVANCE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETINGS, AND ALLOW
2 PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THE MEETINGS. THE CHILD PROTECTION
3 OMBUDSMAN, OR THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN'S DESIGNEE, SHALL
4 CONDUCT OUTREACH AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE
5 PUBLIC MEETINGS.

6 (7) (a) PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE TASK
7 FORCE, AT A MINIMUM, SHALL ANALYZE:

8 (I) WHETHER A STUDY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE
9 EFFECTIVENESS OF MANDATORY REPORTING IN SERVING CHILDREN AND
10 FAMILIES AND DETERMINE THE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR A STUDY. IF THE
11 TASK FORCE DETERMINES THERE SHOULD BE A STUDY, THE STUDY MUST
12 INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS ON WHETHER ENHANCED SCREENING TECHNIQUES
13 FOR ACCEPTING REPORTS MAY MITIGATE THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT
14 OF MANDATORY REPORTING ON UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES,
15 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

16 (II) THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF MANDATORY REPORTING
17 ON UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND
18 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES;

19 (III) STANDARDIZED TRAINING THAT ADDRESSES IMPLICIT BIAS;

20 (IV) ALTERNATIVE PROCESSES AND SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WHO
21 DO NOT PRESENT MANDATORY REPORTERS WITH CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT
22 CONCERNS BUT WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM ALTERNATIVE SERVICES;

23 (V) STANDARDIZED TRAINING THAT ADDRESSES THE
24 REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3;

25 (VI) THE DEFINITION OF "IMMEDIATELY" AND HOW REPORTING
26 TIME FRAMES AFFECT MANDATORY REPORTERS FROM DIFFERENT
27 PROFESSIONS;

1 (VII) REPORTING TIME FRAMES FOR MANDATORY REPORTERS WHO
2 ARE CREATING A SAFETY PLAN FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
3 SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE VICTIM
4 AND THE VICTIM'S FAMILY MEMBERS WHILE CREATING THE SAFETY PLAN;

5 (VIII) MEDICAL CHILD ABUSE AND THE PROCESS TO REPORT
6 MEDICAL CHILD ABUSE;

7 (IX) WHETHER MANDATORY REPORTERS SHOULD REPORT
8 INCIDENTS OBSERVED OUTSIDE OF A MANDATORY REPORTER'S
9 PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY;

10 (X) WHETHER A MANDATORY REPORTER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY, AN
11 AGENT OF, OR A CONTRACTOR FOR AN ATTORNEY WHO IS PROVIDING
12 LEGAL REPRESENTATION IS EXEMPT FROM THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
13 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 19-3-304;

14 (XI) MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MANDATORY
15 REPORTERS WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OR REASONABLE CAUSE TO KNOW OR
16 SUSPECT THAT A CHILD OR YOUTH IS THE VICTIM OF DATING VIOLENCE OR
17 SEXUAL ASSAULT;

18 (XII) A REPORTING PROCESS FOR TWO OR MORE MANDATORY
19 REPORTERS TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT WHO HAVE JOINT
20 KNOWLEDGE OR JOINT REASONABLE CAUSE TO MAKE A REPORT OF CHILD
21 ABUSE OR NEGLECT;

22 (XIII) WHETHER THE DUTY TO REPORT REMAINS WITH THE
23 MANDATORY REPORTER WHO HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO KNOW OR
24 SUSPECT THAT A CHILD HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO CHILD ABUSE OR
25 NEGLECT;

26 (XIV) WHETHER INSTITUTIONS THAT EMPLOY MANDATORY
27 REPORTERS MAY DEVELOP PROCEDURES TO ASSIST MANDATORY

1 REPORTERS IN FULFILLING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AS DESCRIBED IN
2 SECTION 19-3-307;

3 (XV) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR PEOPLE APPLYING FOR OR
4 RENEWING A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FOR A PROFESSION THAT IS
5 IDENTIFIED AS A PROFESSION REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR
6 NEGLECT PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-3-304;

7 (XVI) THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF A CHILD, AS SET FORTH IN
8 SECTION 19-3-307 (2), THAT IS COLLECTED FOR A REPORT;

9 (XVII) STANDARDIZED TRAINING REGARDING THE COUNTY
10 DEPARTMENTS' PROCESS TO DETERMINE WHICH REPORTS MEET THE
11 THRESHOLD FOR ASSESSMENT AND INVESTIGATION;

12 (XVIII) THE BENEFITS OF AN ELECTRONIC REPORTING PLATFORM
13 FOR THE STATE; AND

14 (XIX) A PROCESS FOR INTER- AND INTRA-AGENCY
15 COMMUNICATIONS, CONFIRMING RECEIPT OF REPORTS, AND, IN SOME
16 CIRCUMSTANCES, SHARING THE OUTCOME OF REPORTS WITH CERTAIN
17 MANDATORY REPORTERS.

18 (b) THE TASK FORCE MAY ESTABLISH STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES
19 TO STUDY THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

20 (8) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ANALYZE NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES
21 AND CONSULT WITH ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDERS AS NEEDED TO ADDRESS
22 ALL ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS NECESSARY TO FINALIZE ITS FINDINGS AND
23 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANDATORY REPORTER TRAINING
24 REQUIREMENTS, REPORTING PROCEDURES, AND CREATING A MORE
25 EQUITABLE MANDATORY REPORTING SYSTEM FOR UNDER-RESOURCED
26 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
27 WHO ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY MANDATORY REPORTING.

1 (9) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, THE TASK FORCE SHALL
2 SUBMIT ITS FIRST-YEAR STATUS REPORT, INCLUDING ITS INITIAL FINDINGS
3 AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS
4 SECTION, TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL
5 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND
6 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES; THE
7 GOVERNOR; AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

8 (10) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, THE TASK FORCE SHALL
9 SUBMIT ITS FINAL REPORT, INCLUDING ITS FINDINGS AND
10 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS
11 SECTION, TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL
12 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND
13 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES; THE
14 GOVERNOR; AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

15 (11) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

16 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-304.2, **amend**
17 **as added by House Bill 22-1240 (3)(a)(VI)(X)** as follows:

18 **19-3-304.2. Mandatory reporter task force - creation -**
19 **reporting - definitions - repeal.** (3) (a) The task force consists of the
20 following members:

21 (VI) The following members, who shall be appointed by the child
22 protection ombudsman or the child protection ombudsman's designee:

23 (X) One member representing a state-licensed child care provider,
24 as defined in ~~section 26-6-102 (6)~~ SECTION 26.5-5-303 (4).

25 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2022-23 state fiscal year,
26 \$97,500 is appropriated to the judicial department for use by the office of
27 the child protection ombudsman. This appropriation is from the general

1 fund. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for
2 program costs.

3 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** (1) Except
4 as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, this act takes
5 effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day
6 period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a
7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

13 (2) Section 3 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 22-1295
14 becomes law, in which case section 3 takes effect upon the effective date
15 of this act or House Bill 22-1295, whichever is later.