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HOUSE BILL 23-1197

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Young,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Health & Insurance
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY**
102 **AND FINANCING TO ENGAGE IN A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS TO**
103 **ADDRESS THE OVERSIGHT OF HOST HOME PROVIDERS, AND, IN**
104 **CONNECTION 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>.)

No later than September 1, 2023, the bill requires the department of health care policy and financing (state department) to engage in a stakeholder process to address concerns and identify viable solutions

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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related to individuals who receive long-term services and supports.

No later than January 2025, the bill requires the state department to report on the stakeholder process, including identifying any administrative resources needed to address any concerns identified during the stakeholder process.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. The general assembly finds and declares that individuals who require 24-hour care 7 days a week deserve a safe environment where agreed-upon services and supports are provided. Therefore, it is imperative that the department of health care policy and financing engage in a stakeholder process with individuals who receive such services to address concerns and identify solutions as it relates to the oversight of host home providers.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-10-241 as follows:

25.5-10-241. Host home provider stakeholder collaboration - report. (1) NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENGAGE IN A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, WHICH MUST INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION AMONG PROGRAM-APPROVED SERVICE AGENCIES, CASE MANAGEMENT AGENCIES, HOST HOME PROVIDERS UNDER CONTRACT WITH A PROVIDER AGENCY, INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES, AND ADVOCACY GROUPS THAT REPRESENT THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY, TO ADDRESS CONCERNS AND IDENTIFY VIABLE SOLUTIONS RELATED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10. AT A MINIMUM, THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS MUST ADDRESS:

(a) THE TIMELINE, PROCESS, AND PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING AND RESOLVING A GRIEVANCE OR COMPLAINT BY AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

1 LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, INCLUDING REGULAR
2 NOTIFICATIONS TO THE INDIVIDUAL ABOUT THE GRIEVANCE AND
3 COMPLAINT PROCEDURE AND PROCESS, THE RIGHT TO AN APPEAL, HOW A
4 INDIVIDUAL CAN EASILY ACCESS INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PROCESS
5 AND PROCEDURE, AND HOW TO REPORT RETALIATION;

6 (b) THE PROCESS BY WHICH A HOST HOME PROVIDER UNDER
7 CONTRACT WITH A PROVIDER AGENCY THAT IS CONVICTED OF ABUSE OR
8 NEGLECT MAY BE DETERMINED INELIGIBLE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING
9 SERVICES AND SUPPORTS; AND

10 (c) CONSISTENCY OF CONTRACT LANGUAGE BETWEEN
11 PROGRAM-APPROVED SERVICE AGENCIES AND HOST HOME PROVIDERS
12 UNDER CONTRACT WITH A PROVIDER AGENCY.

13 (2) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 2025, THE STATE DEPARTMENT
14 SHALL REPORT AS PART OF ITS "SMART ACT" HEARING REQUIRED BY
15 SECTION 2-7-203 ON THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS DESCRIBED IN
16 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING IDENTIFYING ANY
17 ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS AND
18 SOLUTIONS IDENTIFIED DURING THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS.

19 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal
20 year, \$75,000 is appropriated to the department of health care policy and
21 financing for use by the office of community living. This appropriation
22 is from the general fund and is subject to the "(M)" notation as defined in
23 the annual general appropriation act for the same fiscal year. To
24 implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for operating
25 expenses.

26 (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, the general assembly
27 anticipates that the department of health care policy and financing will

1 receive \$75,000 in federal funds to implement this act. The appropriation
2 in subsection (1) of this section is based on the assumption that the
3 department will receive this amount of federal funds.

4 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.