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STATE OF COLORADO**

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on Second Reading in the Second House*

LLS NO. 24-1079.01 Jane Ritter x4342

**HOUSE BILL 24-1377**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES WHO WORK**  
102 **WITH YOUTH IN THE FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM.**

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**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 clarifies that court-appointed special advocate volunteers can be attached, stay attached, or be reattached to cases for foster youth in transition.

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 30, 2024

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 14, 2024

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 11, 2024

1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-91-103, **amend**  
2 (3) as follows:

3           **13-91-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 91, unless the  
4 context otherwise requires:

5           (3) "Court-appointed special advocate" or "CASA volunteer"  
6 means a trained volunteer appointed by the court pursuant to the  
7 provisions of part 2 of article 1 of title 19, ~~C.R.S.~~, section 14-10-116,  
8 ~~C.R.S.~~, or title 15, ~~C.R.S.~~, in a judicial district to aid the court by  
9 providing independent and objective information, as directed by the court,  
10 regarding children AND YOUTH involved in actions brought pursuant to  
11 section 14-10-116 ~~C.R.S.~~, or title 15 or 19. ~~C.R.S.~~

12           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-208, **add (6)** as  
13 follows:

14           **19-1-208. Duties of CASA volunteer. (6) Foster youth in**  
15 **transition program.** WITH THE CONSENT OF THE YOUTH, A CASA  
16 VOLUNTEER MAY BE APPOINTED IN A FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION  
17 PROGRAM CASE FILED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 7 OF THIS TITLE 19  
18 AND MAY SUPPORT THE YOUTH IN PLANNING FOR THE YOUTH'S FUTURE  
19 AND ACCESSING NECESSARY SERVICES, SUPPORTS, AND ASSISTANCE  
20 CONSISTENT WITH THE YOUTH'S EXPRESSED INTERESTS AND THE  
21 PROGRAM'S GOALS. A CASA VOLUNTEER APPOINTED TO A YOUTH IN A  
22 FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM CASE SHALL NOT MAKE BEST  
23 INTERESTS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COURT OR OTHERS AND MUST NOT  
24 HAVE ACCESS TO OR SHARE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
25 YOUTH WITHOUT THE YOUTH'S EXPRESS CONSENT TO ACCESS OR SHARE  
26 SUCH INFORMATION.

27           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
3 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
4 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
5 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
6 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.