

CHAPTER 50

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

SENATE BILL 24-071

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AN ACT**CONCERNING INCLUDING SEASONAL OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY CAMP PROGRAMS IN THE
DEFINITION OF CHILDREN'S RESIDENT CAMPS.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-5-303, **amend** (5); and **add** (25.5) as follows:

26.5-5-303. Definitions. As used in this part 3, unless the context otherwise requires:

(5) (a) ~~"Children's resident camp" means a facility operating for three or more consecutive twenty-four-hour days during one or more seasons of the year for the care of five or more children. The facility has as its purpose a group living experience offering education and recreational activities in an outdoor environment. The recreational experiences may occur at the permanent camp premises or on trips off the premises~~ THAT OFFERS GROUP LIVING EXPERIENCES OR SEASONAL OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY CAMP PROGRAMS FOR FIVE OR MORE CHILDREN. THE PURPOSE OF THE FACILITY IS TO OFFER AN OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MULTIPLE EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN AN OUTDOOR, NATURE-BASED ENVIRONMENT. THE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OCCUR AT A PERMANENT FACILITY OR ON TRIPS OFF THE PREMISES.

(b) (I) A children's resident camp serves children who have completed kindergarten or are six years of age or older through children younger than nineteen years of age; except that a person nineteen years of age or twenty years of age may attend a children's resident camp if, within six months prior to attending the children's resident camp, the person has attended or has graduated from high school.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (5)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, A CHILDREN'S RESIDENT CAMP THAT OFFERS SEASONAL OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY CAMP PROGRAMS SERVES CHILDREN WHO ARE FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

(25.5) "SEASONAL OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY CAMP PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT OPERATES FOR AT LEAST SIX HOURS A DAY, ON A SEASONAL BASIS, PRIMARILY DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER MONTHS, FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS SPECIFIC TO THE APPROVED REGISTRATION OF SEASONAL OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY CAMP PARTICIPANTS. SEASONAL OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY CAMP PROGRAMS SERVE CHILDREN WHO ARE FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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