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#### INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

### Colorado's Child Welfare System Interim Study Committee

**BILL TOPIC:** Commission On Child Protection

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION 102 ON CHILD PROTECTION.

#### **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov/">http://leg.colorado.gov/</a>.)

## Colorado's Child Welfare System Interim Study Committee.

The bill creates the Colorado commission on child protection (commission) in the office of the child protection ombudsman (office) to serve as an advisory organization with the goal of improving collaboration of multiple state agencies to provide services to children in the child protection system.

The commission consists of 26 members and is chaired by the child protection ombudsman, or the ombudsman's designee. The bill requires all commission meetings to be open meetings that allow for public notice and comment.

The bill requires the commission to hold its first meeting no later than December 1, 2024. During the first year of operation, the commission must meet at least once every month. For each year thereafter, the commission must meet at least every other month. The chair may call additional commission meetings as needed to fulfill the duties of the commission.

On or before May 1, 2025, the bill requires the commission to conduct an assessment of the state entities responsible for the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in the child protection system and their families. In conducting the assessment, the commission shall note the interplay between the entities and whether any duplication of services exists. On or before June 1, 2025, the bill requires the commission to complete a report detailing the assessment's findings; submit the report to the joint budget committee, senate judiciary committee, house of representatives judiciary committee, senate health and human services committee, house of representatives public and behavioral health and human services committee, governor, and chief justice of the Colorado supreme court; and publish the report on the office's website.

On or before August 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the bill requires the commission to hear proposals submitted for the commission's consideration. Proposals must be selected within 60 days after submission to the commission for consideration and must be selected by a majority vote of the commission members.

The bill allows the commission to create subcommittees to help study the selected proposals. The subcommittees may include individuals who are not members of the commission.

On or before January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the bill requires the commission to submit a report to the joint budget committee, senate judiciary committee, house of representatives judiciary committee, senate health and human services committee, house of representatives public and behavioral health and human services committee, governor, and chief justice of the Colorado supreme court detailing the work of the commission during the preceding year. The bill requires the chair to make the report available on the office's website.

The commission is repealed, effective July 1, 2027. Prior to repeal, the bill requires the department of human services to review the commission and determine whether the commission should continue.

<sup>1</sup> Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

- (a) Colorado's child protection system is intended to promote the well-being, permanency, and safety of children and families. However, Colorado lacks the infrastructure to consistently mobilize around important issues facing children and families served by the child protection system. Problem-solving within the child protection system often occurs in silos, with no resources to strategically address complex issues. This often results in long-standing problems with no durable or tangible policy changes.
- (b) Policies created in isolation may have unmeasurable and detrimental impacts on children and families. These impacts can span multiple generations. Colorado needs an inclusive, consistent, and timely process to develop strong policies that place children and families at the center of every discussion.
- (c) Nationally, and in Colorado, efforts are being made to reduce child protection policies created in response to crisis and instead proactively create policy that prioritizes the prevention of child maltreatment, ensures racial equity, and improves and sustains child and family well-being and connection;
- (d) The Colorado child protection system is one of the most complex in the nation. It is comprised of multiple agencies that serve children and families, including human services agencies, courts, behavioral health and medical providers, educators, and law enforcement agencies. Given the vast scope of services and specialties, collaboration is essential to achieve improved outcomes for children and families.
- (e) Accountability for child and family outcomes is shared

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| 1  | between federal, state, and local governments and among multiple   |
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| 2  | agencies, the courts, and community partners. Sharing data and   |
| 3  | information across governmental jurisdictions, agencies, and the courts  |
| 4  | promotes more-informed program planning, development, and evaluation.  |
| 5  | This allows children and families to be connected to appropriate   |
| 6  | community services and supports.   |
| 7  | (2) Therefore, the general assembly finds and declares that,   |
| 8  | despite the impact and reach of past and ongoing work of legislators and   |
| 9  | stakeholders, a significant need for innovation to address these and   |
| 10   | related issues remains, and it is necessary to create a commission to  |
| 11   | address issues impacting the child protection system and to do so in a way   |
| 12   | that is inclusive, accountable, and transparent.   |
| 13   | <b>SECTION 2.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 19-3.3-112 as  |
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| 14   | follows:   |
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| 14<br>15   | follows:  19-3.3-112. Colorado commission on child protection -  |
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| 2 | (2) THERE IS CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD PROTECTION    |
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| 3 | OMBUDSMAN, CREATED IN SECTION 19-3.3-102, THE COLORADO        |
| 4 | COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION TO SERVE AS AN ADVISORY        |
| 5 | ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPROVING COLLABORATION BETWEEN  |
| 6 | STATE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN THE CHILD |
| 7 | PROTECTION SYSTEM.  |
| 8 | (3) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:         |
| 9 | (a) THE OMBUDSMAN;  |

- 10 (b) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, APPOINTED BY 11 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;
- 12 (c) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 13 APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC 14 SAFETY, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC 15 SAFETY'S DESIGNEE;
- 16 (d) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 17 APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, OR THE COMMISSIONER 18 OF EDUCATION'S DESIGNEE;
- 19 (e) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE 20 POLICY AND FINANCING, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE 21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, OR THE 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND 23 FINANCING'S DESIGNEE;
- 24 A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY (f) CHILDHOOD, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE 26 DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE 27 DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD'S DESIGNEE;

| 1  | (g) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S                    |
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| 2  | REPRESENTATIVE, APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE       |
| 3  | CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE, OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S |
| 4  | REPRESENTATIVE'S DESIGNEE;   |
| 5  | (h) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE RESPONDENT                 |
| 6  | PARENTS' COUNSEL, APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE     |
| 7  | RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL, OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE    |
| 8  | RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL'S DESIGNEE;                              |
| 9  | (i) A REPRESENTATIVE OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS PRESIDING OVER             |
| 10 | CHILD WELFARE OR JUVENILE JUSTICE PROCEEDINGS, APPOINTED BY THE      |
| 11 | CHIEF JUSTICE; AND   |
| 12 | (j) The following members, appointed by the chair:                   |
| 13 | (I) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT LOCATED IN A             |
| 14 | RURAL COMMUNITY;   |
| 15 | (II) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT LOCATED IN              |
| 16 | A URBAN COMMUNITY;   |
| 17 | (III) A LAW ENFORCEMENT REPRESENTATIVE;                              |
| 18 | (IV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS;                      |
| 19 | (V) A CRIMINAL JUVENILE DEFENSE ATTORNEY;                            |
| 20 | (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OR A             |
| 21 | STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING COUNTY ATTORNEYS' OFFICES;       |
| 22 | (VII) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION                   |
| 23 | SPECIALIZING IN THE PREVENTION OF CHILD MALTREATMENT;                |
| 24 | (VIII) AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES;          |
| 25 | (IX) An individual representing foster parents;                      |
| 26 | (X) AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING KINSHIP PROVIDERS;                    |
| 27 | (XI) An individual representing a statewide organization             |

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| 1  | THAT SERVES OR REPRESENTS VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL |
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| 2  | ABUSE;   |
| 3  | (XII) AN INDIVIDUAL FROM A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION                |
| 4  | REPRESENTING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS; AND                          |
| 5  | (XIII) FIVE INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE IN THE CHILE       |
| 6  | PROTECTION SYSTEM.   |
| 7  | (4) On or before October 1, 2024, the appointing                 |
| 8  | AUTHORITIES SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION. THE TERM    |
| 9  | OF THE APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE DURATION OF THE COMMISSION. THE    |
| 10 | APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION  |
| 11 | (5) In appointing members to the commission, the appointing      |
| 12 | AUTHORITIES SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF      |
| 13 | MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH, OR INTEREST IN, THE STUDY OF   |
| 14 | THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE      |
| 15 | COMMISSION MUST BE MADE UP OF MEMBERS FROM DIFFERENT JUDICIAI    |
| 16 | DISTRICTS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AND REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC |
| 17 | ETHNIC, AND GENDER DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.                       |
| 18 | (6) The child protection ombudsman or the child                  |
| 19 | PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN'S DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE  |
| 20 | COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION SHALL SELECT A VICE-CHAIR FROM AMONG  |
| 21 | THE APPOINTED MEMBERS. THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR SHALL SERVE FOR  |
| 22 | THE DURATION OF THE COMMISSION UNLESS EITHER RESIGNS.            |
| 23 | (7) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE WITHOUT            |
| 24 | COMPENSATION; EXCEPT THAT THE MEMBERS LISTED IN SUBSECTION       |
| 25 | (3)(j)(XIII) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR REASONABLE  |
| 26 | EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.            |
| 27 | (8) Nothing in this section prohibits citizens or state          |

| 1  | AGENCIES FROM PROPOSING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ADDRESS            |
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| 2  | CHALLENGES WITH THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM, INDEPENDENT OF THE  |
| 3  | COMMISSION'S EFFORTS.  |
| 4  | (9) All commission meetings are subject to the open              |
| 5  | MEETING AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 24-6-402. THE CHAIR   |
| 6  | SHALL CONDUCT OUTREACH, ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC    |
| 7  | MEETINGS, AND ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT.                              |
| 8  | (10) The chair shall have the following duties in                |
| 9  | SUPPORTING THE COMMISSION:                                       |
| 10 | (a) On or before November 1, 2024, establish procedures          |
| 11 | FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION;                             |
| 12 | (b) CONVENE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION NO LATER         |
| 13 | THAN DECEMBER 1, 2024. DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE COMMISSION,  |
| 14 | THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EACH MONTH. FOR EACH     |
| 15 | YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY   |
| 16 | OTHER MONTH. THE CHAIR MAY CALL ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS           |
| 17 | NECESSARY FOR THE COMMISSION TO FULFILL ITS DUTIES. THE          |
| 18 | COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE    |
| 19 | COMMISSION TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY.                              |
| 20 | (c) WITH INPUT FROM THE COMMISSION, ESTABLISH PROCEDURES         |
| 21 | FOR SOLICITING AND RECEIVING PROPOSALS FOR THE COMMISSION'S      |
| 22 | CONSIDERATION. ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR MUST BE       |
| 23 | PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION AND MADE PUBLIC ON THE OFFICE'S      |
| 24 | WEBSITE.   |
| 25 | (d) As requested by the commission, and as resources             |
| 26 | PERMIT, PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH INFORMATION, RESEARCH, DATA, |

AND OUTSIDE EXPERTS NEEDED IN ORDER TO ADDRESS ISSUES CONTAINED

| 1  | IN THE SELECTED PROPOSALS.  |
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| 2  | (11) THE COMMISSION HAS THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:                           |
| 3  | (a) Create a forum where stakeholders may voluntarily                   |
| 4  | CONVENE, AND COMMENCE A TIMELY AND THOROUGH STUDY OF URGENT             |
| 5  | MATTERS IMPACTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RECEIVING SERVICES FROM         |
| 6  | THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM;  |
| 7  | (b) On or before May 1, 2025, complete an assessment of                 |
| 8  | STATE GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUPS, TASK FORCES, AND BOARDS AND            |
| 9  | COMMISSIONS THAT ADDRESS THE SAFETY, PERMANENCY, AND                    |
| 10 | WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM AND THEIR         |
| 11 | FAMILIES;   |
| 12 | (c) In conducting the assessment pursuant to subsection                 |
| 13 | (11)(b) of this section, note the interplay between the working         |
| 14 | GROUPS, TASK FORCES, AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO DETERMINE            |
| 15 | WHETHER ANY DUPLICATION OF SERVICES EXISTS;                             |
| 16 | (d) On or before June 1, 2025, complete a report detailing              |
| 17 | THE ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS $(11)(b)$ and $(11)(c)$ of this |
| 18 | SECTION AND SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE; THE        |
| 19 | SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY          |
| 20 | COMMITTEE, SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, HOUSE            |
| 21 | OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN               |
| 22 | SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES; THE GOVERNOR;          |
| 23 | AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT;                    |
| 24 | (e) Publish the report described in subsection (11)(d) of               |
| 25 | THIS SECTION ON THE OFFICE'S WEBSITE;                                   |
| 26 | (f) On or before August 1, 2025, and annually thereafter,               |

HOLD A MEETING TO HEAR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR THE COMMISSION'S

| 1  | CONSIDERATION, SELECT PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER STUDY BY A MAJORITY      |
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| 2  | VOTE OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS, AND ANNOUNCE WHICH PROPOSALS         |
| 3  | ARE SELECTED FOR CONSIDERATION NO MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER         |
| 4  | THE DATE THE PROPOSAL IS PRESENTED;                                  |
| 5  | (g) In selecting proposals for further study pursuant to             |
| 6  | Subsection $(11)(f)$ of this section, consider the timeliness of the |
| 7  | ISSUE PRESENTED, RESOURCES AND CAPACITY OF THE COMMISSION TO         |
| 8  | THOROUGHLY STUDY THE ISSUE AND DEVELOP FINDINGS AND                  |
| 9  | RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WHETHER ANY OTHER ENTITIES ARE REVIEWING        |
| 10 | THE ISSUE;   |
| 11 | (h) Create and implement a strategic plan for each                   |
| 12 | PROPOSAL SELECTED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OR REACH A DESIRED            |
| 13 | OUTCOME; UPDATE THE STRATEGIC PLAN, AS NEEDED; AND PUBLISH THE       |
| 14 | STRATEGIC PLAN ON THE OFFICE'S WEBSITE; AND                          |
| 15 | (i) PRODUCE TIMELY REPORTS ON A ROLLING BASIS DETAILING THE          |
| 16 | COMMISSION'S FINDINGS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EACH               |
| 17 | SELECTED PROPOSAL. THE REPORTS MUST INCLUDE AN ACCOUNTING OF         |
| 18 | THE COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES, BE NEUTRALLY WRITTEN, AND CAPTURE       |
| 19 | THE VIEWS OF ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS.                                 |
| 20 | (12) PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO             |
| 21 | BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION:                                     |
| 22 | (a) A description of systemic issues impacting the child             |
| 23 | PROTECTION SYSTEM;   |
| 24 | (b) A DESCRIPTION OF ISSUES FOR WHICH LEGISLATIVE ACTION IS          |
| 25 | APPROPRIATE;   |
| 26 | (c) A DESCRIPTION OF ISSUES THAT REQUIRE INPUT AND                   |
| 27 | CONSIDERATION FROM MULTIDISCIPLINARY OUTSIDE EXPERTS; AND            |

| 1  | (d) INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OTHER KNOWN ORGANIZATION OR            |
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| 2  | ENTITY ALREADY CONSIDERING THE PARTICULAR ISSUE CONTAINED IN THE |
| 3  | PROPOSAL.  |
| 4  | (13) FOR EACH PROPOSAL SELECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION,        |
| 5  | THE COMMISSION MAY CREATE SUBCOMMITTEES TO STUDY THE ISSUES      |
| 6  | IDENTIFIED IN THE PROPOSAL. THE SUBCOMMITTEES MAY INCLUDE        |
| 7  | PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE         |
| 8  | RELEVANT INPUT ON THE ISSUES AND TOPICS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE  |
| 9  | SUBCOMMITTEE. SUBCOMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS      |
| 10 | OF THE COMMISSION MAY VOTE ON ISSUES BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE     |
| 11 | BUT SHALL NOT VOTE AT COMMISSION MEETINGS.                       |
| 12 | (14) IN STUDYING EACH OF THE SELECTED PROPOSALS, AT A            |
| 13 | MINIMUM, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:            |
| 14 | (a) Best practices to promote improved social and                |
| 15 | EMOTIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RECEIVING SERVICES  |
| 16 | FROM THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM;                                |
| 17 | (b) The disproportionate impact of the child protection          |
| 18 | SYSTEM ON CHILDREN IN THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM, PARENTS WITH  |
| 19 | DISABILITIES, AND UNDERRESOURCED COMMUNITIES; AND                |
| 20 | (c) The role of the executive, legislative, and judicial         |
| 21 | BRANCHES IN CREATING EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS.                        |
| 22 | (15) Upon the request of a commission member, the                |
| 23 | COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OR   |
| 24 | CONSEQUENCES OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT IS NOT DIRECTLY        |
| 25 | AFFILIATED WITH, OR GENERATED BY, THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION |
| 26 | SHALL PROVIDE THE FEEDBACK WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE            |
| 27 | COMMISSION MEMBER REQUESTED THE FEEDBACK, DURING AN OPEN         |

| 1  | MEETING, AND THE FEEDBACK MUST REMAIN AS CONCISE AS POSSIBLE.    |
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| 2  | (16) The commission may issue recommendations for                |
| 3  | LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ADDRESS ISSUES IMPACTING THE CHILD         |
| 4  | PROTECTION SYSTEM AS A RESULT OF STUDYING A SELECTED PROPOSAL.   |
| 5  | (17) On or before January 1, 2025, and annually                  |
| 6  | THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT DETAILING THE   |
| 7  | WORK OF THE COMMISSION DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR TO THE JOINT    |
| 8  | BUDGET COMMITTEE; THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF       |
| 9  | REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN     |
| 10 | SERVICES COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND          |
| 11 | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR ANY           |
| 12 | SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES; THE GOVERNOR; AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE |
| 13 | COLORADO SUPREME COURT. THE REPORT MUST BE AVAILABLE ON THE      |
| 14 | OFFICE'S WEBSITE. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:                       |
| 15 | (a) THE ISSUES STUDIED BY THE COMMISSION AND ANY RELATED         |
| 16 | FINDINGS;  |
| 17 | (b) Legislative proposals recommended by the commission          |
| 18 | THE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHANGES   |
| 19 | AND THE FUNDING SOURCES REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION;             |
| 20 | (c) A SUMMARY OF COMMISSION ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSIONS;          |
| 21 | (d) A SUMMARY OF EFFORTS MADE TO COMMUNICATE                     |
| 22 | COLLABORATE, OR COORDINATE WITH OTHER GROUPS, TASK FORCES, OF    |
| 23 | STATE INITIATIVES; AND   |
| 24 | (e) A LIST OF ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION FOR      |
| 25 | FURTHER STUDY.   |
| 26 | (18) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS TO MONITOR           |
| 27 | THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY LEGISLATIVE ACTION RECOMMENDED BY      |

| 1  | THE COMMISSION AND INCLUDE AN UPDATE IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT                       |
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| 2  | REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY RECOMMENDATION.                             |
| 3  | (19) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2027. Prior                    |
| 4  | TO THE REPEAL, THE COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN                        |
| 5  | ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-3-1203.   |
| 6  | SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, add                          |
| 7  | (18)(a)(III) as follows:  |
| 8  | 2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative                    |
| 9  | declaration - definition - repeal. (18) (a) The following statutory             |
| 10 | authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal on July       |
| 11 | 1, 2027:  |
| 12 | (III) THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION CREATED                       |
| 13 | IN SECTION 19-3.3-112;  |
| 14 | SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act                   |
| 15 | takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the           |
| 16 | ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except       |
| 17 | that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  |
| 18 | of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this |
| 19 | act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take      |
| 20 | effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in      |
| 21 | November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the            |
| 22 | official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.                       |