



## *State of Colorado*

### **LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE**

**To:** Legislative Council

**Requested by:** Representative Singer  
**With support of:** Representatives Beckman, Bridges, Buckner, Coleman, Esgar, Ginal, Gray, Hamner, Hansen, Hooton, Jackson, Kennedy, Lawrence, McLachlan, Michaelson Jenet, Nordberg, Sias, Valdez, and Young

**Re:** Request for Interim Study Committee regarding Child Welfare Cases Involving Injury or Potential Harm.

**Date:** 04/14/2017

#### **Information Required Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.**

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study best practices for child welfare cases involving injury or potential harm by a parent or guardian. The interim study committee would be named the "Interim Study Committee Regarding Best Practices for Child Welfare and Law Enforcement Agencies in Cases Involving Injury or Potential Harm."

The policy issues to be studied are:

- best practices for law enforcement agencies and county departments of human services when child injury or exposure to potential harm is suspected or reported; and
- sections of the Children's Code, the Criminal Code, and department rules that may need updating to address best practices for handling cases of injury or potential harm.

The interim study committee would need to meet six times to study the issues.

The interim study committee should consist of eight members of the General Assembly selected as follows:

- four members of the Senate, with three appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.
- four members of the House of Representatives, with three appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives will appoint the chair, and the President of the Senate will appoint the vice-chair of the committee.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2017.

The interim study committee will need five bills to address the issues it studies.

**Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request**

The Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Health and Environment, the Department of Regulatory Agencies, the Department of Public Safety, Department of Law, and the Judicial Branch may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.