

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services.

HB21-1099 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill page 2, after line 3 insert:

2 "(a) It is vital to keep children safe and families healthy and
3 enhance the state's response to domestic abuse. Because the child welfare
4 system has proven to disproportionately impact low-income families and
5 members of Black, Indigenous, and persons of color communities,
6 policies, rules, or procedures that address the impact of domestic abuse
7 on families must be drafted with the goal of ensuring that these
8 communities are not disproportionately or unfairly impacted.

9 (b) Colorado can improve its diversity training and promote the
10 understanding of the culture and background of the families that the child
11 welfare system serves;".

12 Reletter succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

13 Page 3, line 1, after "connect" insert "a specific incident of".

14 Page 3, strike lines 19 through 27.

15 Page 4, strike line 1.

16 Rerumber succeeding C.R.S. sections accordingly.

17 Page 4, line 4, strike "**Best**" and substitute "**Domestic abuse task force - creation - best**".

19 Page 4, strike lines 6 through 9 and substitute:

20 "**rules.** (1) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A
21 DOMESTIC ABUSE TASK FORCE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE
22 "TASK FORCE". THE TASK FORCE MUST BE FORMED FOR NO MORE THAN
23 TWO YEARS. THE TASK FORCE SHALL REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
24 THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM AND CHILD
25 WELFARE WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP A STATUTORY DEFINITION FOR THIS
26 TITLE 19 THAT DEFINES DOMESTIC ABUSE AND RECOGNIZES THE IMPACT
27 DOMESTIC ABUSE MAY HAVE ON THE EMOTIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL
28 WELL-BEING OF A CHILD.

29 (b) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE MUST REPRESENT THE
30 BROAD CULTURAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE,
31 INCLUDING PERSONS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES OR PROFESSIONAL

1 EXPERTISE. THE TASK FORCE MAY INCLUDE MEMBERS FROM THE STATE
2 DEPARTMENT'S DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM AND CHILD WELFARE
3 WORKGROUP.

4 (c) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND
5 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE PUBLIC AND
6 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, WITH THE
8 RECOMMENDED DEFINITION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS
9 SECTION NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2022.

10 Page 4, line 10, strike "2022" and substitute "2023".

11 Page 4, line 11, strike "RULES" and substitute "RULES BASED ON
12 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM AND CHILD
13 WELFARE WORKGROUP, WHICH MUST BE VETTED BY THE TASK FORCE,".

14 Page 4, line 16, strike "RECOGNIZE" and substitute "RECOGNIZE,
15 RESPOND,".

16 Page 4, line 17, strike "ABUSE;" and substitute "ABUSE WHILE
17 APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERING THE ROLE OF THE NON-ABUSIVE PARENT
18 AND DIVERSITY SENSITIVITIES;".

19 Page 4, line 18, strike "ASSESSMENT".

20 Page 4, line 19, strike "POLICIES AND PROCEDURES" and substitute
21 "TRAINING MATERIALS".

22 Page 4, line 19, after "RECOGNIZE" insert "AND REPORT".

23 Page 4, line 20, strike "AND".

24 Page 4, line 23, after "RECOGNIZE" insert "AND RESPOND TO".

25 Page 4, line 24, strike "ABUSE." and substitute "ABUSE WHILE
26 APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERING THE ROLE OF THE NON-ABUSIVE PARENT
27 AND DIVERSITY SENSITIVITIES; AND".

28 Page 4, after line 24 insert:

29 (d) ESTABLISHING TRAINING STANDARDS TO IMPLEMENT UPDATED
30 ASSESSMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CHILD WELFARE
31 CASEWORKERS TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND TO CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

1 RELATED TO DOMESTIC ABUSE WHILE APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERING THE
2 ROLE OF THE ABUSIVE PARENT AND DIVERSITY SENSITIVITIES.".

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