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Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

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LLS NO. 26-0498.01 Chelsea Princell x4335

**SENATE BILL 26-073**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Bright,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**Senate Committees**

Judiciary

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING ADDITIONAL PARENTING TIME FOR A PARENT WHO IS**  
102     **WRONGFULLY DENIED COURT-ORDERED PARENTING TIME.**

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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 allows a court to order additional parenting time to a parent or legal custodian who was wrongfully denied court-ordered parenting time if the denial resulted from an investigation by a law enforcement agency, child welfare agency, or county department of human or social services and the investigation did not result in a substantial finding of abuse or neglect.

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.

The additional parenting time ordered by a court must be of the same type and duration as the parenting time that was wrongfully denied; may include weekend, holiday, or vacation periods; and must be exercised by the parent or legal custodian no later than 2 years after the date the court finds that parenting time was wrongfully denied.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 14-10-129.7 as  
3 follows:

4           **14-10-129.7. Additional parenting time to compensate for  
5 denial of court-ordered parenting time.**

6           (1) UNLESS A PARENT OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN SHOWS GOOD CAUSE  
7 AS TO WHY AN ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL PARENTING TIME SHOULD NOT BE  
8 ISSUED, THE COURT SHALL ORDER ADDITIONAL PARENTING TIME TO  
9 COMPENSATE A PARENT OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN WHO WAS WRONGFULLY  
10 DENIED COURT-ORDERED PARENTING TIME IF:

11           (a) THE DENIAL RESULTED FROM AN INVESTIGATION BY A LAW  
12 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, CHILD WELFARE AGENCY, OR COUNTY  
13 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES; AND

14           (b) THE INVESTIGATION DID NOT RESULT IN A FINDING OF ABUSE  
15 OR NEGLECT.

16           (2) THE ADDITIONAL PARENTING TIME:

17           (a) MUST BE OF THE SAME TYPE AND DURATION AS THE PARENTING  
18 TIME THAT WAS WRONGFULLY DENIED;

19           (b) MAY INCLUDE WEEKEND, HOLIDAY, OR VACATION PERIODS;  
20 AND

21           (c) MUST BE EXERCISED, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS  
22 SECTION, NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE DATE THE COURT FINDS  
23 THAT PARENTING TIME WAS WRONGFULLY DENIED.

7 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

11 (b) CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL OR SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN  
12 CIRCUMSTANCES SUFFICIENT TO MODIFY A PARENTING TIME ORDER  
13 ENTERED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

1      November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
2      official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.