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HOUSE BILL 26-1075

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING INCREASING FUNDING FOR COUNTY CHILD WELFARE**
102 **PREVENTION SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **CONTINUING THE COLORADO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TRUST**
104 **FUND AND THE COLORADO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION BOARD.**

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>.)

Under current law, funds from the Colorado child abuse prevention trust fund (trust fund) are for child abuse prevention programs and are distributed to organizations, including counties, through a

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competitive grant process rather than through direct distributions.

The bill increases funding for county child welfare prevention services and programs by changing the source of reimbursement money transmitted to the trust fund from money received for all prevention services and programs identified in the federal Title IV-E clearinghouse (prevention services clearinghouse) to money received by the Colorado department of early childhood and identified in the prevention services clearinghouse.

The trust fund and Colorado child abuse prevention board (board) are scheduled to repeal July 1, 2027. The bill continues the trust fund and board indefinitely.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-206, **amend**
3 (1)(d); and **repeal** (2) as follows:

4 **26.5-3-206. Colorado child abuse prevention trust fund -**
5 **creation - source of funds - appropriation - repeal.**

6 (1) There is created in the state treasury the Colorado child abuse
7 prevention trust fund. The board shall administer the trust fund, which
8 consists of:

9 (d) ~~Reimbursement money received for prevention services and~~
10 ~~programs identified in the federal Title IV-E prevention services~~
11 ~~clearinghouse pursuant to the federal "Family First Prevention Services~~
12 ~~Act of 2018". Beginning July 1, 2021, the department shall transmit~~
13 ~~federal Title IV-E reimbursements for prevention services to the state~~
14 ~~treasurer, who shall credit the reimbursements to the trust fund.~~

15 **BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, REIMBURSEMENT MONEY RECEIVED FOR**
16 **PREVENTION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF**
17 **EARLY CHILDHOOD AND IDENTIFIED IN THE FEDERAL TITLE IV-E**
18 **PREVENTION SERVICES CLEARINGHOUSE PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL**
19 **"FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT OF 2018". THE DEPARTMENT**

1 OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL CLAIM AND TRANSMIT FEDERAL TITLE IV-E
2 REIMBURSEMENTS FOR PREVENTION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED BY
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO
4 SHALL CREDIT THE REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE TRUST FUND.

5 (2) The board shall claim federal Title IV-E reimbursement for the
6 trust fund for all eligible grants for prevention services on the federal
7 Title IV-E prevention services clearinghouse.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 26.5-3-209.

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-208, **amend**
10 (1) as follows:

11 **26.5-3-208. Report - repeal.**

12 (1) (a) The department shall contract for an independent
13 evaluation of the Colorado child abuse prevention trust fund created in
14 section 26.5-3-206, ~~as it existed prior to its repeal on July 1, 2027~~,
15 including administrative costs of operating the trust fund and the
16 cost-effectiveness and the impact of the grants on reducing and
17 preventing child abuse. The department shall provide a report of the
18 evaluation to the house of representatives and senate health and human
19 services committees, or any successor committees, on or before
20 November 1, 2029.

21 (b) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2030.

22 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2026.

23 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
26 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
27 institutions.