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HOUSE BILL 26-1380

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House Committees
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE
102 OMBUDSMAN.

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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The bill repeals the office of the judicial discipline ombudsman, which was established in 2023 to act as an independent and confidential advisor on judicial discipline procedures and workplace culture.

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.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 13-3-120.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-100-102, **amend**

4 (3) as follows:

5 **13-100-102. Definitions.**

6 As used in this article 100, unless the context otherwise requires:

7 (3) "Included agencies" means the independent agencies within
8 the judicial department that the office provides administrative and fiscal
9 support services to pursuant to this article 100 and includes the office of
10 the child protection ombudsman, the independent ethics commission, the
11 office of public guardianship, the commission on judicial discipline, the
12 office of alternative defense counsel, the office of the child's
13 representative, the office of the respondent parents' counsel, the office of
14 the statewide behavioral health court liaison, ~~the office of the judicial~~
15 ~~discipline ombudsman~~, and any other independent agency added to the
16 judicial department on or after July 1, 2024. The office of state public
17 defender is not an included agency.

18 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-202, **repeal**

19 (6)(b)(XVI) as follows:

20 **24-72-202. Definitions.**

21 As used in this part 2, unless the context otherwise requires:

22 (6) (b) "Public records" does not include:

23 (XVI) ~~Records related to complaints received by the office of the~~
24 ~~judicial discipline ombudsman pursuant to section 13-3-120, including~~
25 ~~any record that names or otherwise identifies a specific complainant or~~
26 ~~other person involved in the complaint;~~

27 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,

1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
3 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
4 institutions.