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STATE OF COLORADO

ENGROSSED

*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted
on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

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HOUSE BILL 24-1377

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Marvin and Young,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Cutter,

House Committees
Health & Human Services

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES WHO WORK**

102 **WITH YOUTH IN THE FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM.**

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 clarifies that court-appointed special advocate volunteers can be attached, stay attached, or be reattached to cases for foster youth in transition.

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

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.

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 11, 2024

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-91-103, **amend**
2 (3) as follows:

3 **13-91-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 91, unless the
4 context otherwise requires:

5 (3) "Court-appointed special advocate" or "CASA volunteer"
6 means a trained volunteer appointed by the court pursuant to the
7 provisions of part 2 of article 1 of title 19, ~~C.R.S.~~, section 14-10-116,
8 ~~C.R.S.~~, or title 15, ~~C.R.S.~~, in a judicial district to aid the court by
9 providing independent and objective information, as directed by the court,
10 regarding children AND YOUTH involved in actions brought pursuant to
11 section 14-10-116 ~~C.R.S.~~, or title 15 or 19. ~~C.R.S.~~

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-208, **add** (6) as
13 follows:

14 **19-1-208. Duties of CASA volunteer.** (6) **Foster youth in**
15 **transition program.** ~~WITH THE CONSENT OF THE YOUTH, A CASA~~
16 **VOLUNTEER MAY BE APPOINTED IN A FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION**
17 **PROGRAM CASE FILED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 7 OF THIS TITLE 19**
18 **AND MAY SUPPORT THE YOUTH IN PLANNING FOR THE YOUTH'S FUTURE**
19 **AND ACCESSING NECESSARY SERVICES, SUPPORTS, AND ASSISTANCE**
20 **CONSISTENT WITH THE YOUTH'S EXPRESSED INTERESTS AND THE**
21 **PROGRAM'S GOALS.** ~~A CASA VOLUNTEER APPOINTED TO A YOUTH IN A~~
22 **FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM CASE SHALL NOT MAKE BEST**
23 **INTERESTS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COURT OR OTHERS AND MUST NOT**
24 **HAVE ACCESS TO OR SHARE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE**
25 **YOUTH WITHOUT THE YOUTH'S EXPRESS CONSENT TO ACCESS OR SHARE**
26 **SUCH INFORMATION.**

27 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
3 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
4 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
5 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
6 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
7 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.