

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

February 2, 2026

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB26-019 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 4, after line 2 insert:
 - 2 "(3) "COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN" MEANS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26.5-2-204 TO ADDRESS THE EARLY CHILDHOOD NEEDS IN A DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA.".
 - 5 Page 4, line 3, strike "(3)" and substitute "(4)".
 - 6 Page 4, line 10, strike "(4)" and substitute "(5)".
 - 7 Page 4, line 12, strike "(5)" and substitute "(6)".
 - 8 Page 4, line 15, strike "(6)" and substitute "(7)".
 - 9 Page 4, line 19, strike "(7)" and substitute "(8)".
 - 10 Page 4, line 21, strike "(8)" and substitute "(9)".
 - 11 Page 4, line 23, strike "(9)" and substitute "(10)".
 - 12 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 3.
 - 13 Page 5, line 19, before "strategic" insert "community".
 - 14 Page 6, strike lines 21 through 27 and substitute:
 - 15 "(c) THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN MAY INCLUDE:
 - 16 (I) THE MANNER IN WHICH THE COUNCIL WILL FACILITATE ACCESS
 - 17 TO EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND HOLISTIC

1 SERVICES THAT INCLUDE FOOD, CASH ASSISTANCE, HEALTH CARE, AND
2 COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-5-101,
3 INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL "FAMILY FIRST
4 PREVENTION SERVICES ACT OF 2018"; AND
5 (II) THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIES FOR IDENTIFYING AND SECURING,".

6 Page 7, line 11, before "strategic" insert "COMMUNITY".

7 Page 10, strike lines 11 through 19.

8 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

9 Page 10, line 22, strike "STRATEGIC PLANS" and substitute
10 "AGREEMENTS".

11 Page 11, line 3, strike the second "AND" and substitute "AND, WHERE
12 FEASIBLE,".

13 Page 13, line 13, strike "JANUARY" and substitute "JULY".

14 Page 14, strike line 27.

15 Page 15, strike lines 1 through 24.

16 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

17 Page 16, line 6, after "ISSUES." add "THE RULES MUST ALSO ADDRESS
18 HOW, FOR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE FOR WHICH A COUNCIL IS NOT
19 ESTABLISHED, OR FOR WHICH AN EXISTING COUNCIL IS NOT FULLY
20 CAPABLE OF IMPLEMENTING ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC
21 PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ENSURE, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT
22 POSSIBLE, CONTINUITY OF THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES REQUIRED
23 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2 FOR THE AREA, UNTIL A COUNCIL IS
24 ESTABLISHED OR AN EXISTING COUNCIL IS FULLY CAPABLE OF
25 IMPLEMENTING ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN.".

26 Page 17, lines 11 and 12 strike "SCOPE OF WORK, ACCOUNTABILITY
27 METRICS," and substitute "AGREEMENT".

28 Before "STRATEGIC" insert "COMMUNITY" on: **Page 5**, line 21; **Page 6**,
29 line 1; **Page 7**, line 26; **Page 8**, line 27; **Page 9**, lines 15 and 18; **Page 10**,
30 line 4; **Page 11**, line 4; **Page 12**, line 3; **Page 13**, line 17; **Page 14**, line 8;
31 **Page 21**, line 9; and **Page 23**, line 23.

1 Strike "~~community~~" and substitute "community" on: **Page 25**, lines 1 and
2 19.

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