

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

February 25, 2026  
Date

Committee on Education.

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

SB26-020 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, strike page 3.
- 2 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 26 and substitute:
  - 3 **"26.5-5-333. Professional development information system**
  - 4 **records - rules.**
  - 5 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ADOPT RULES CONCERNING
  - 6 REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITIES LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3 TO
  - 7 MAINTAIN UP-TO-DATE EMPLOYEE RECORDS IN THE PROFESSIONAL
  - 8 DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM ADMINISTERED BY THE
  - 9 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 26.5-1-106 (1)(a)(I)."
- 10 Page 5, line 22 strike "INVESTIGATE AND INSPECT" and substitute
- 11 "PROVIDE THE TYPES OF SERVICES THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING
- 12 SPECIALISTS PROVIDE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND
- 13 INSPECTION OF".
- 14 Page 5, lines 26 and 27, strike "CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATIONS AND
- 15 INSPECTIONS INSTEAD." and substitute "PROVIDE THE SERVICES. NOTHING
- 16 IN THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a) REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO PHASE OUT ITS
- 17 RELIANCE ON PERSONS AUTHORIZED OR CONTRACTED TO PERFORM HEALTH
- 18 AND SANITATION INSPECTIONS AND RELATED PLAN REVIEWS REQUIRED AS
- 19 PART OF THE CHILD CARE LICENSING PROCESS AND CONDUCTED BY THE
- 20 DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY."
- 21 Page 6, line 9, strike "and (4)".
- 22 Page 6, strike line 27.

1 Page 7, strike lines 1 through 2 and substitute "HOME WITH WHICH THE  
2 LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY HAS HAD A DISPUTE OR CAUSED A DELAY,  
3 TO COMPLETE THE INSPECTION, PERMITTING, LICENSING, OR APPROVAL  
4 PROCESS TO THE EXTENT REASONABLY PRACTICABLE; AND".

5 Page 7, strike lines 3 through 7 and substitute:

6 "(II) LIMIT, TO A REASONABLE MAXIMUM ESTABLISHED BY  
7 DEPARTMENT RULE, THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH ANY CHILD CARE  
8 CENTER'S OR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME'S INSPECTION, PERMIT, LICENSE,  
9 OR APPROVAL THAT IS REQUIRED FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER OR FAMILY  
10 CHILD CARE HOME BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY BUT THAT IS  
11 NOT REQUIRED BY THE STATE-LEVEL LICENSING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED  
12 IN THIS PART 3; EXCEPT THAT THIS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY TO FEES  
13 ASSOCIATED WITH HEALTH AND SANITATION INSPECTIONS AND RELATED  
14 PLAN REVIEWS REQUIRED AS PART OF THE CHILD CARE LICENSING PROCESS  
15 AND CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
16 AGENCY."

17 Page 7, strike lines 8 through 27.

18 Page 8, strike lines 1 through 2.

19 Page 8, line 5 strike "**and quality**".

20 Page 8, line 7, strike "(a)".

21 Page 8, lines 9 and 10, strike "FOR A NEW, STREAMLINED, EFFICIENT, AND  
22 EASY-TO-USE" and substitute "RELATED TO THE".

23 Page 8, strike lines 12 through 18.

24 Page 8, line 25, strike "AND".

25 Page 8, line 26, after "HOME;" insert "AND".

26 Page 8, after line 26 insert:

27 "(D) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN ORGANIZATION OF PROVIDERS  
28 OF OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
29 22-105.5-103;".

30 Page 9, strike line 2 and substitute:

31 "(A) A MULTILINGUAL CHILD CARE PROVIDER FROM A SMALL

- 1 BUSINESS OR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME;".
- 2 Page 9, strike line 8 and substitute:  
3 "(A) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A HEAD START PROGRAM;".
- 4 Page 9, line 10, strike "AND".
- 5 Page 9, line 11, after "CENTER;" insert "AND".
- 6 Page 9, after line 11 insert:  
7 "(D) A TECHNOLOGY EXPERT FAMILIAR WITH CREATING AND  
8 IMPLEMENTING STATE AGENCY TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS;".
- 9 Page 9, line 16, strike "AND".
- 10 Page 9, after line 18 insert:  
11 "(D) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATUTORY OR HOME RULE CITY,  
12 TOWN, CITY AND COUNTY, OR COUNTY; AND".
- 13 Page 9, line 20, strike "DEPARTMENT." and substitute "DEPARTMENT AND  
14 ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
15 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT. A MEMBER APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
16 SUBSECTION (2)(a)(V) IS A NONVOTING MEMBER."
- 17 Page 9, strike line 27.
- 18 Page 10, strike lines 1 through 6 and substitute:  
19 "(4) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SERVE WITHOUT".
- 20 Page 10, strike lines 22 through 27 and substitute:  
21 "(6) THE TASK FORCE SHALL STUDY AND RECOMMEND REFORMS TO  
22 COLORADO'S LICENSURE SYSTEM WITH THE GOAL OF CREATING A  
23 COHERENT, STREAMLINED FRAMEWORK THAT DOES NOT REDUCE THE  
24 QUALITY OF SETTINGS ALREADY IN PLACE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S  
25 LEARNING.  
26 (7) WITH THE HELP OF A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY DESCRIBED IN  
27 SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION, THE TASK FORCE SHALL:  
28 (a) UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STATE'S CHILD  
29 CARE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES FOR CHILD CARE  
30 CENTERS AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES; AND  
31 (b) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DESIGNING A STREAMLINED  
32 LICENSURE SYSTEM FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS AND FAMILY CHILD CARE

- 1 HOMES."
- 2 Strike pages 11 and 12.
- 3 Page 13, strike lines 2 through 5 and substitute "THIRD-PARTY ENTITY TO  
4 FACILITATE TASK FORCE MEETINGS AND PREPARE A FINAL REPORT  
5 SUMMARIZING THE TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED  
6 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION."
- 7 Page 13, line 7, after "REPORT" insert "ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS".
- 8 Page 13, strike lines 9 through 22 and substitute "THE GOVERNOR; AND  
9 THE DEPARTMENT."
- 10 Page 13, line 26, strike "STUDY." and substitute "TASK FORCE'S WORK."
- 11 Page 14, line 10 strike "STUDY" and substitute "ACTIVITIES".
- 12 Page 14, line 12, strike "STUDY" and substitute "ACTIVITIES".
- 13 Page 14, line 17, strike "THE STUDY AND" and substitute "TASK FORCE  
14 MEETING FACILITATION, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THE".
- 15 Page 14, line 19, strike "THAT PURPOSE." and substitute "THOSE  
16 PURPOSES."
- 17 Strike "AND QUALITY" on: **Page 8**, lines 7, 10, and 19.
- 18 Page 1, lines 102 and 103, strike "EXPANDING THE USE OF A DIGITAL  
19 FILE SYSTEM,".
- 20 Page 1, line 105 strike "CHILDHOOD FOR INSPECTIONS AND  
21 INVESTIGATIONS," and substitute "CHILDHOOD,".

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