

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

May 5, 2026
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB26-1309 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend the Judiciary Committee Report, dated March 31, 2026, page 1,
- 2 strike line 9 and substitute:
 - 3 "Page 4 of the bill, lines 21 and 22, strike "(1.5)(c.2), (1.5)(c.4),
 - 4 (1.5)(c.6), and (1.5)(c.8)" and substitute "(1.5)(c.4) and (1.5)(c.6)".
- 5 Page 7, strike line 7.
- 6 Reletter succeeding sub-subparagraphs accordingly.
- 7 Page 7, strike line 9.
- 8 Reletter succeeding sub-subparagraphs accordingly.
- 9 Page 7, strike lines 16 through 27.
- 10 Page 8, strike line 1.
- 11 Page 8, strike lines 9 through 20 and substitute:".
- 12 Page 1 of the committee report, line 12, strike "(1.4), (1.5)(c)," and
- 13 substitute "(1.5)(c)".
- 14 Page 1, strike lines 15 through 25.
- 15 Page 2, strike lines 1 through 5.
- 16 Page 2, line 6, strike "(1.5)" and substitute ""(1.5)".

1 Page 2, strike line 21 and substitute "~~enumerate the specific factual~~ MAKE
2 findings supporting IMPOSING the restriction,".

3 Page 2 strike lines 35 through 43 and substitute:

4 "~~(III.5) Any report related to domestic violence that is submitted~~
5 ~~to the court by a child and family investigator, if one is appointed~~
6 ~~pursuant to section 14-10-116.5; a professional parental responsibilities~~
7 ~~evaluator, if one is appointed pursuant to section 14-10-127; or a legal~~
8 ~~representative of the child, if one is appointed pursuant to section~~
9 ~~14-10-116. The court may consider other testimony regarding domestic~~
10 ~~violence from the parties, experts, therapists for any parent or child, the~~
11 ~~department of human services, parenting time supervisors, school~~
12 ~~personnel, or other lay witnesses. FOR ANY EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO THE~~
13 ~~COURT BY A PARTY, A CHILD AND FAMILY INVESTIGATOR APPOINTED~~
14 ~~PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-10-116.5, A PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES~~
15 ~~EVALUATOR APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-10-127, OR A LEGAL~~
16 ~~REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHILD APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION~~
17 ~~14-10-116 THAT A PARTY HAS COMMITTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD~~
18 ~~ABUSE OR NEGLECT, OR SEXUAL ASSAULT THAT RESULTED IN THE~~
19 ~~CONCEPTION OF A CHILD, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER ANY RELEVANT AND~~
20 ~~ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE, INCLUDING TESTIMONY FROM THE PARTIES,~~
21 ~~EXPERTS, THERAPISTS FOR ANY PARENT OR CHILD, THE DEPARTMENT OF~~
22 ~~HUMAN SERVICES, PARENTING TIME SUPERVISORS, SCHOOL PERSONNEL, OR~~
23 ~~OTHER LAY WITNESSES. THE COURT SHALL MAKE FINDINGS ON THE~~
24 ~~RECORD BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE WHETHER A PARTY HAS~~
25 ~~COMMITTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, OR SEXUAL~~
26 ~~ASSAULT THAT RESULTED IN THE CONCEPTION OF A CHILD."~~

27 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 5.

28 Page 3, line 41, strike "PARTY AND" and substitute "PARTY. THE COURT
29 SHALL IMPOSE".

30 Page 3, strike line 43 and substitute "TO THE SAFETY".

31 Page 4, line 15, strike "ALCOHOL" and substitute "ALCOHOL,
32 INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES,".

33 Page 4, line 21, after "PROTECT" insert "THE SAFETY OF".

34 Page 4, line 32, strike "EVALUATION." and substitute "EVALUATION AND
35 ANY RECOMMENDED TREATMENT, AT THE SOLE EXPENSE OF THE PARTY.".

- 1 Page 4, line 42, strike "THE COURT".
- 2 Page 4, strike line 43.
- 3 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 3.
- 4 Page 5, line 8, strike "LIMIT" and substitute "RESTRICT".
- 5 Page 7, after line 31, insert:
- 6 "Page 15 of the bill, strike lines 2 through 4 and substitute:
- 7 "(IV) A PROGRAM DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS".
- 8 Page 15 of the bill, line 13, strike "claim" and substitute "~~claim~~
- 9 FINDING".

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