

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

May 6, 2026
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB26-1418 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Finance Committee Report, dated April 27, 2026, page 2,
2 after line 8 insert:

3 "Page 6 of the printed bill, line 5, strike "AN ONLINE" and substitute "A".

4 Page 3 of the report, strike lines 32 and 33.

5 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

6 Page 4 of the report, after line 36 insert:

7 (IV) RECENT DISABILITY-FOCUSED RESEARCH HAS FOUND THAT
8 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ARE AT HEIGHTENED RISK OF COMPULSIVE OR
9 EXCESSIVE ONLINE GAME USE, INCLUDING INCREASED INATTENTION,
10 OPPOSITIONAL BEHAVIOR, SEDENTARY BEHAVIOR, EMOTIONAL
11 DYSREGULATION, AND MEASURABLE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON ACADEMIC
12 PERFORMANCE WHEN GAMING BECOMES A DOMINANT DAILY ACTIVITY;

13 (V) ONLINE SOCIAL GAMING ENVIRONMENTS FREQUENTLY
14 DISPLACE TIME THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE SPENT ON HOMEWORK,
15 READING, SLEEPING, THERAPY PARTICIPATION, EXTRACURRICULAR
16 INVOLVEMENT, FAMILY INTERACTION, AND IN-PERSON PEER
17 DEVELOPMENT, ALL OF WHICH ARE CRITICAL CONTRIBUTORS TO
18 EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESS;

19 (VI) IN ADDITION TO COMPULSIVE USE, SOCIAL GAMING
20 PLATFORMS EXPOSE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TO HEIGHTENED RISKS
21 OF ONLINE BULLYING, HARASSMENT, MANIPULATION, AND UNHEALTHY
22 SOCIAL COMPARISON IN LARGELY UNMODERATED DIGITAL ENVIRONMENTS,
23 WHICH CAN FURTHER AGGRAVATE ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, SCHOOL

1 AVOIDANCE, AND FEELINGS OF SOCIAL ALIENATION;".

2 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

3 Page 5 of the report, line 20, strike "DEPARTMENT'S" and substitute
4 "DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S".

5 Page 6 of the report, strike lines 14 through 20 and substitute:

6 "(1) "ADD-ON TRANSACTION" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN
7 SECTION 27-60-603 (1).".

8 Page 10 of the report, after line 40 insert:

9 **"22-109-106. Complaints.**

10 IF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECEIVES MONEY FROM THE
11 FUND TO ENFORCE EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AS
12 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-109-105, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TAKE
13 COMPLAINTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-29.5-114.".

14 Page 11 of the report, strike lines 5 through 14 and substitute:

15 "(b) Subject to available appropriations, THE YOUTH
16 PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION
17 22-109-104, IN CONSULTATION WITH the state board, shall award grants
18 as provided in section 22-105.5-105.

19 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 105.5 TO
20 THE CONTRARY, IN AWARDING GRANTS FROM THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE
21 YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE CREATED IN
22 SECTION 22-109-104 MAY AWARD GRANTS FROM THE YOUTH
23 PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE FUND CREATED IN SECTION
24 22-109-104 (6) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE BOARD.".

25 Page 11 of the report, strike lines 34 through 40 and substitute:

26 "(3)(a) THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS ENTERPRISE
27 CREATED IN SECTION 22-109-104, IN CONSULTATION WITH the department,
28 shall review the applications received pursuant to this section to
29 determine eligibility for the grant program, and, subject to available
30 appropriations, THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND PROTECTIONS
31 ENTERPRISE, IN CONSULTATION WITH the state board, shall award grants
32 to eligible entities.".

1 Page 11 of the report, after line 40 insert:

2 **"SECTION 7. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal
3 year, \$294,984 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This
4 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
5 department may use this appropriation as follows:

6 (a) \$8,778 for use by the executive director's office for personal
7 services related to administration and support;

8 (b) \$247,627 for tax administration IT system (GenTax) support;

9 (c) \$12,079 for use by taxation business group for personal
10 services related to taxation services, which amount is based on an
11 assumption that the division will require an additional 0.2 FTE; and

12 (d) \$26,500 for the purchase of legal services.

13 (2) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$26,500 is appropriated to
14 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
15 received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(d) of this
16 section and is based on an assumption that the department of law will
17 require an addition 0.1 FTE. To implement this act, the department of law
18 may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the department of
19 revenue.

20 (3) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$145,750 is appropriated to
21 the department of law. This appropriation is from the youth mental health
22 services access enterprise fund created in section 27-60-604 (6)(a),
23 C.R.S., from revenue received from the youth mental health services
24 access enterprise that is continuously appropriated to the enterprise
25 pursuant to section 27-60-604 (6)(c), C.R.S. The appropriation to the
26 department of law is based on an assumption that the department of law
27 will require an additional 0.6 FTE. To implement this act, the department
28 of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the youth
29 mental health services access enterprise.

30 (4) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$79,500 is appropriated to
31 the department of law. This appropriation is from the youth programming
32 and protections enterprise fund created in section 22-109-104 (6)(a),
33 C.R.S., from revenue received from the youth programming and
34 protections enterprise that is continuously appropriated to the enterprise
35 pursuant to section 22-109-104 (6)(c), C.R.S. The appropriation to the
36 department of law is based on an assumption that the department of law
37 will require an additional 0.3 FTE. To implement this act, the department
38 of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the youth
39 programming and protections enterprise."

40 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

1 Page 12 of the report, after line 3 insert:

2 "Page 22 of the bill, line 9, strike "Section" and substitute "(1) Except as
3 described in subsection (2) of this section, section".

4 Page 22 of the bill, after line 22 insert:

5 "(2) Section 22-109-106, Colorado Revised Statutes, as enacted in
6 section 4 of this act, takes effect only if Senate Bill 26-125 is enacted and
7 signed into law, in which case section 22-109-106 takes effect on the
8 effective date of this act or Senate Bill 26-125, whichever is later.".

9 Page 12 of the report, line 8, strike "PEOPLE." and substitute "PEOPLE,
10 AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.".

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