

CHAPTER 20

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

SENATE BILL 16-022

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AN ACT

CONCERNING REMOVING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE PILOT PROGRAM TO MITIGATE CLIFF EFFECT FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WHO ARE WORKING AND RECEIVING CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-808, **amend** (2) and (6) as follows:

26-2-808. Pilot program to mitigate cliff effect for low-income families who are working and receiving child care assistance - legislative declaration - county participation - fund - grant program - report - repeal. (2) Beginning on April 13, 2012, the state department is authorized to develop and oversee a pilot program in which the Colorado child care assistance program as outlined in section 26-2-805 is modified to mitigate the cliff effect for low-income families ~~that~~ WHO are working and receiving child care assistance, referred to in this section as the "pilot program". THE COUNTIES ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO DESIGN THE CLIFF MITIGATION TO BE REVENUE NEUTRAL FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL FAMILY PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM. County departments of social services may apply to the executive director or his or her designee to participate in the pilot program. Counties are highly encouraged to collaborate with early childhood councils and other community partners as necessary in the development of the application. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE MONEYS IN THE FUND, the executive director or his or her designee may select ~~up to ten~~ THE counties that will participate in the pilot program as described in this section. In selecting the counties, the executive director or his or her designee shall seek diversity in the size of population, regional location, and demographic

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composition and shall consider whether there will be enough participants in each pilot program to enable researchers to evaluate whether the strategies used in the pilot program have addressed the cliff effect. The executive director or his or her designee shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with each county department selected to participate in the pilot program. The memorandum of understanding governs the implementation of the pilot program in that county, including but not limited to how the county decides which and how many families can participate in the pilot program.

(6) A county may participate in the pilot program on and after July 1, 2012, and through June 30, 2019. A county shall operate the pilot program for at least two years; ~~A county may apply to participate in the pilot program on or before January 1, 2017.~~ EXCEPT THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE MAY APPROVE A SHORTER PILOT PROGRAM IF THE PILOT PROGRAM WILL CONTRIBUTE RELEVANT DATA. Each participating county shall identify the families participating in the pilot program in that county. The state department shall collect all data on the pilot program. The state department shall evaluate and report on the pilot program using measurable outcomes.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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