

## CHAPTER 225

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

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## HOUSE BILL 26-1075

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also SENATOR(S) Frizell and Cutter, Ball, Benavidez, Bright, Exum, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Jodeh, Kipp, Kirkmeyer, Marchman, Pelton B., Wallace, Coleman.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING INCREASING FUNDING FOR COUNTY CHILD WELFARE PREVENTION SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CONTINUING THE COLORADO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TRUST FUND AND THE COLORADO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION BOARD AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-206, **amend** (1)(d); and **repeal** (2) as follows:

**26.5-3-206. Colorado child abuse prevention trust fund - creation - source of funds - appropriation - repeal.**

(1) There is created in the state treasury the Colorado child abuse prevention trust fund. The board shall administer the trust fund, which consists of:

~~(d) Reimbursement money received for prevention services and programs identified in the federal Title IV-E prevention services clearinghouse pursuant to the federal "Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018". Beginning July 1, 2021, the department shall transmit federal Title IV-E reimbursements for prevention services to the state treasurer, who shall credit the reimbursements to the trust fund.~~  
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, REIMBURSEMENT MONEY RECEIVED FOR PREVENTION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AND IDENTIFIED IN THE FEDERAL TITLE IV-E PREVENTION SERVICES CLEARINGHOUSE PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT OF 2018". THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL CLAIM AND TRANSMIT FEDERAL TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENTS FOR PREVENTION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE

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DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE TRUST FUND.

~~(2) The board shall claim federal Title IV-E reimbursement for the trust fund for all eligible grants for prevention services on the federal Title IV-E prevention services clearinghouse.~~

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 26.5-3-209.

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-3-208, **amend** (1) as follows:

**26.5-3-208. Report - repeal.**

(1) (a) The department shall contract for an independent evaluation of the Colorado child abuse prevention trust fund created in section 26.5-3-206, ~~as it existed prior to its repeal on July 1, 2027~~, including administrative costs of operating the trust fund and the cost-effectiveness and the impact of the grants on reducing and preventing child abuse. The department shall provide a report of the evaluation to the house of representatives and senate health and human services committees, or any successor committees, on or before November 1, 2029.

(b) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2030.

**SECTION 4. Federal funds.** For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, the general assembly anticipates that the department of human services will receive \$150,000 in federal funds to implement this act. This figure is subject to the "(I)" notation as defined in the annual general appropriation act for the same fiscal year.

**SECTION 5. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2026.

**SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

Approved: May 29, 2026