

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

April 5, 2018
Date

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

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

HB18-1152 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 1 through 7 and substitute:

2 "SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general
3 assembly finds and declares that:

4 (a) Since 2017, Coloradans have become increasingly aware of
5 workplace sexual harassment throughout the country;

6 (b) Coloradans expect that workplace sexual harassment claims
7 will be investigated transparently, especially in the public sector; and

8 (c) Individuals who report workplace sexual harassment have a
9 right to remain informed about the status of those reports, especially in
10 the public sector.

11 (2) Therefore, in enacting House Bill 18-1152, the general
12 assembly urges the Colorado judicial department to revise its rules
13 governing access to records, rules governing attorney discipline, and other
14 applicable rules to allow greater transparency of sexual harassment
15 investigation proceedings to persons in interest while respecting
16 legitimate confidentiality interests.

17 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-204, amend
18 (3)(a) introductory portion; and add (3)(a)(X)(D) as follows:

19 24-72-204. Allowance or denial of inspection - grounds -
20 procedure - appeal - definitions - repeal. (3) (a) The custodian shall
21 deny the right of inspection of the following records, unless otherwise
22 provided by law; except that any of the following records, other than
23 letters of reference concerning employment, licensing, or issuance of

1 permits, shall be available to the person in interest ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO
2 this subsection (3):

3 (X) (D) THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a)(X) APPLIES TO THE JUDICIAL
4 DEPARTMENT OF STATE GOVERNMENT. THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a)(X)(D) IS
5 REPEALED, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021."

6 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

7 Amend page 1, line 102, after "DEPARTMENT" insert "RELATING TO
8 SEXUAL HARASSMENT INVESTIGATIONS".

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