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

HB19-1031 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, strike lines 23 through 26 and substitute:

"SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect December 1, 2020; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect December 1, 2020, or on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later."

Page 3, strike lines 1 through 6.