Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services.

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

HB19-1288 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, line 23, after "DEPARTMENTS," insert "PARENTS,".

Page 3, after line 2 insert:

"(3) BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF FAMILY FOSTER HOMES IN COLORADO IS OFTEN INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUTH, INCLUDING SIBLING GROUPS, IT IS, THEREFORE, COLORADO'S GOAL TO CONTINUE TO RECRUIT FOSTER FAMILIES AND BUILD RESOURCES SUFFICIENT TO MEET THIS NEED.".

Page 4, line 16, before "AND" insert "SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS,".

Page 5, line 2, after "DETERMINES" insert "THROUGH THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM'S INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION THAT".

Page 5, strike lines 19 through 25 and substitute "SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SIBLING CONTACT IN THE VISITATION PLAN FOR A YOUTH. IN DOING SO, THE YOUTH SHALL BE CONSULTED ABOUT THE YOUTH'S WISHES AS TO SIBLING CONTACT.

(2) AS WRITTEN IN THE VISITATION PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL, IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF EACH SIBLING:".

Page 6, line 2, strike "VISITATION" and substitute "CONTACT".
Page 6, line 3, strike "VISITATIONS;" and substitute "CONTACT;".

Page 7, strike lines 14 through 17 and substitute:

"(a) A BIOLOGICAL sibling; from birth who is descended from one or two mutual parents; or
(b) A stepbrother or former stepbrother or a stepsister or former stepsister; STEP-SIBLING OR FORMER STEP-SIBLING; OR".

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