HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 20, 2024 Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

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

<u>HB24-1120</u> be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on <u>Appropriations</u> with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, page 3, line 4, after the period add "AFTER THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SENDS THE WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) WITHIN THE REQUIRED FOURTEEN-DAY PERIOD, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT IS DEEMED TO HAVE SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I).".

6 Page 3, line 8, strike "APPLICABLE," and substitute "KNOWN,".

Page 4, line 16, after "PERSON," insert "IF THE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE
ELECTRONICALLY,".

9 Page 4, line 18, strike "LAW;" and substitute "LAW. IF THE INFORMATION

10 IS NOT AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY, THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION

11 (2)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION APPLY REGARDING COSTS.".

Page 4, line 20, after "PERSON," insert "IF THE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLEELECTRONICALLY,".

Page 4, line 24, strike "A" and substitute "IF THE INFORMATION IS NOTAVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY, A".

- 16 Page 5, line 16, strike "AND".
- 17 Page 5, line 18, strike "13-92-103." and substitute "13-92-103; AND

18 (VI) INFORMATION ABOUT THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S19 REPRESENTATIVE CREATED IN SECTION 13-91-104.".

1 Page 5, strike lines 25 through 27 and substitute:

"(4) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A STATE-LEVEL 2 UNIT TO REVIEW SUBMITTED APPEALS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE 3 4 APPELLANT HAVE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT 5 THE STATE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THE APPEAL TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES 6 ON APPEAL. THE ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-DAY TIME LIMIT MAY BE 7 EXTENDED UPON AGREEMENT OF BOTH THE APPELLANT AND THE STATE 8 DEPARTMENT IF IT IS LIKELY THAT THE ADDITIONAL TIME WILL RESULT IN 9 A FULLY EXECUTED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OR RESOLUTION OF THE 10 APPEAL. AS SOON AS IT IS EVIDENT WITHIN THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY 11 DAYS THAT THE APPELLANT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT 12 RESOLVE THE ISSUE ON APPEAL, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORWARD 13 A COPY OF THE APPELLANT'S ORIGINAL APPEAL REQUEST TO THE OFFICE OF 14 ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS TO INITIATE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE 15 COURTS' FAIR HEARING PROCESS. THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS 16 SHALL CONTACT THE PARTIES TO SCHEDULE A DATE FOR THE HEARING, 17 WHICH MUST BE HELD NO LATER THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS 18 AFTER THE DATE THE STATE DEPARTMENT FORWARDS THE COPY OF THE 19 APPELLANT'S ORIGINAL APPEAL REQUEST TO THE OFFICE OF 20 ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS.".

21 Page 6, strike lines 1 through 3.

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