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HOUSE BILL 16-1183

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Public Health Care & Human Services

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ALIGNING CHANGES MADE TO THE FEDERAL CHILD CARE
102 AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REAUTHORIZATION OF 2014
103 TO THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill aligns state statute with changes in federal law related to the Colorado child care assistance program (CCCAP). The state law is modified to specify that a child receiving CCCAP supports continues to be eligible for those supports for an entire 12-month period before

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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eligibility is redetermined, as long as the child's family income remains below 85% of the state median income for that family size, as required by federal law.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-805, **amend** (2)
3 and (7) (b) as follows:

4 **26-2-805. Services - eligibility - assistance provided - waiting**
5 **lists - rules.** (2) The county may provide child care assistance for any
6 other family whose income does not exceed eighty-five percent of the
7 state median income for a family of the same size. Upon notification to
8 counties by the state department that the relevant human services case
9 management systems, including the Colorado child care automated
10 tracking system, are capable of accommodating this subsection (2), and
11 ~~for a participant or a person or family whose income rises to the level set~~
12 ~~by the county at which the county may deny the participant, person, or~~
13 ~~family child care assistance, the county shall immediately notify the~~
14 ~~family that it is no longer eligible for CCCAP and continue to provide the~~
15 ~~current CCCAP subsidy to that family for no less than ninety days while~~
16 ~~the family makes appropriate arrangements for child care. The county is~~
17 ~~strongly encouraged to continue to provide child care assistance for a~~
18 ~~period of six months; except that in no event shall child care assistance~~
19 ~~be provided if the income exceeds the maximum level for eligibility for~~
20 ~~services set by federal law for a family of the same size IF, DURING THE~~
21 ~~TWELVE-MONTH ELIGIBILITY PERIOD, A PARTICIPANT'S, PERSON'S, OR~~
22 ~~FAMILY'S INCOME RISES TO THE LEVEL SET BY THE COUNTY AT WHICH THE~~
23 ~~COUNTY MAY DENY THE PARTICIPANT, PERSON, OR FAMILY CHILD CARE~~
24 ~~ASSISTANCE, THE COUNTY SHALL CONTINUE PROVIDING THE CURRENT~~

1 CCCAP SUBSIDY UNTIL THE NEXT TWELVE-MONTH REDETERMINATION. IF,
2 AT THE TIME OF THE SUBSEQUENT TWELVE-MONTH REDETERMINATION, A
3 PARTICIPANT'S, PERSON'S, OR FAMILY'S INCOME RISES TO THE LEVEL SET BY
4 THE COUNTY AT WHICH THE COUNTY MAY DENY THE PARTICIPANT,
5 PERSON, OR FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE, THE COUNTY SHALL
6 IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE PARTICIPANT, PERSON, OR FAMILY THAT IT IS NO
7 LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR CCCAP AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE CURRENT
8 CCCAP SUBSIDY TO THAT PARTICIPANT, PERSON, OR FAMILY FOR NO LESS
9 THAN NINETY DAYS WHILE THE PARTICIPANT, PERSON, OR FAMILY MAKES
10 APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD CARE. THE COUNTY IS
11 STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE
12 ASSISTANCE FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS; EXCEPT THAT IN NO EVENT
13 MAY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE BE PROVIDED IF THE PARTICIPANT'S,
14 PERSON'S, OR FAMILY'S INCOME EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM LEVEL FOR
15 ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES SET BY FEDERAL LAW FOR A PARTICIPANT,
16 PERSON, OR FAMILY OF THE SAME SIZE. During the six-month period the
17 county shall work with the participant, person, or family to provide a
18 gradual transition off child care assistance provided pursuant to this
19 subsection (2).

20 (7) (b) If a county reduces its income eligibility requirements, THE
21 COUNTY SHALL CONTINUE TO ENROLL a child enrolled in CCCAP when
22 the change is implemented ~~must continue to be enrolled in CCCAP~~ until
23 the family's next eligibility redetermination or for six months, whichever
24 is longer.

25 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.