HOUSE BILL 18-1328

A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CHILDREN'S HABILITATION RESIDENTIAL WAIVER PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.

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://leg.colorado.gov/.)

Joint Budget Committee. The bill directs the department of health care policy and financing (department) to initiate a stakeholder process for purposes of preparing and submitting a redesigned children's habilitation residential program (program) waiver for federal approval that allows for home- and community-based services for children with...
intellectual and developmental disabilities who have complex behavioral support needs. The department may also request federal authorization to change the agency designated to administer and operate the program from the department of human services to the department.

The bill includes language creating the redesigned program, relocates the program in statute, and makes conforming changes in statute to reflect the new location of the program. The new program will become effective once federal approval has been granted for the redesigned children's habilitation residential program waiver.

The bill makes and reduces appropriations to the department and the department of human services to implement the bill.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. The general assembly declares that children with intellectual and developmental disabilities who also have complex behavioral support needs, where the exhibited behavior results in danger to themselves, their families, or their communities, should have access to services that support the children remaining in or returning to their family homes, as well as crisis stabilization and out-of-home services, when necessary.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-306, add (5) and (6) as follows:

25.5-5-306. Residential child health care - waiver - program - rules - notice to revisor - repeal. (5) On and after July 1, 2018, the state department shall initiate a stakeholder process to develop eligibility criteria, service definitions, and provider qualifications for purposes of drafting and submitting a redesigned waiver that provides home- and community-based services under the children's habilitation residential program waiver for medicaid-eligible children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as defined in section 25.5-10-202, who
HAVE COMPLEX BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT NEEDS. THE REDESIGNED WAIVER
MUST PROVIDE ACCESS TO SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT ALLOW A CHILD
OR YOUTH, REGARDLESS OF CUSTODY STATUS, TO REMAIN IN OR RETURN
TO HIS OR HER FAMILY HOME, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CHILD OR
YOUTH IN THE CUSTODY OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL
SERVICES, WHILE ALSO PROVIDING CRISIS STABILIZATION AND
OUT-OF-HOME SERVICES WHEN NECESSARY.

(b) No later than March 31, 2019, the state department
shall submit the redesigned waiver for federal approval.

(c) Once the waiver is approved, the state board shall
adopt rules implementing the redesigned waiver.

(d) On and after July 1, 2018, the state department may
seek federal authorization to change the agency designated to
operate and administer the program from the Department of
human services to the state department.

(6) This section will be repealed if the federal department
of health and human services approves the waiver requested
pursuant to subsection (5) of this section. The executive director
of the state department shall notify the revisor of statutes in
writing of the date on which the condition specified in this
section has occurred by e-mailing the notice to
revisorofstatutes.ga@state.co.us. This section is repealed,
effective upon the date identified in the notice that the federal
department of health and human services approved the waiver
or, if the notice does not specify that date, upon the date of the
notice to the revisor of statutes.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 25.5-6-903 as
follows:

25.5-6-903. Residential child health care program - waiver - home- and community-based services - rules - repeal. (1) Subject to federal authorization, the state department shall implement a program for medicaid-eligible children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as defined in section 25.5-10-202, with significant behavioral support needs who are at risk of institutionalization. The state board shall establish, by rule, the type of services provided pursuant to the program, to the extent the services are cost-efficient, and the recipient eligibility criteria that may include, but are not limited to, a medical necessity determination and a financial eligibility determination.

(2) The state department may limit the number of participants in the program in accordance with any federal waiver obtained by the state department to implement this section.

(3) The state board shall promulgate rules as necessary for the implementation and administration of the program, including but not limited to rules regarding program services; eligibility criteria, including financial eligibility criteria; and reimbursement of providers.

(4) This section will take effect if the federal department of health and human services approves a redesigned children's habilitation residential program waiver for medicaid-eligible children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as defined in section 25.5-10-202, who have complex behavioral
SUPPORT NEEDS, PURSUANT TO HOUSE BILL 18-_____, AS ENACTED IN 2018. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE CONDITION SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION HAS OCCURRED BY E-MAILING THE NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@STATE.CO.US. THIS SECTION TAKES EFFECT, EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE THAT THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROVED THE WAIVER OR, IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT DATE, UPON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-5-104, amend (4)(d) as follows:

26-5-104. Funding of child welfare services - rules - report - provider contracts - funding mechanism review - definitions. (4) Allocations. (d) The state department may only seek additional funding from the general assembly in a supplemental appropriations bill based upon caseload growth, subject to the provisions of subsection (7) of this section, or changes in federal law or federal funding. For fiscal years 2006-07 and 2007-08, the state department may seek supplemental funding related to the implementation of the placement of children in a residential child health care program as specified in section 25.5-5-306, C.R.S.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-203, amend (1)(m) as follows:

25.5-5-203. Optional programs with special state provisions. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, this section specifies programs developed by Colorado to increase federal financial participation through selecting optional services or optional eligible
groups. These programs include but are not limited to:

(m) The program for residential child health care, as specified in section 25.5-5-306, 25.5-6-903;

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-402, amend (2) introductory portion and (2)(a) as follows:

25.5-5-402. Statewide managed care system. (2) The managed care system implemented pursuant to this article ARTICLE 5 shall not include:

(a) The services delivered under the residential child health care program described in section 25.5-5-306, 25.5-6-903, except in those counties in which there is a written agreement between the county department of HUMAN OR social services, the designated and contracted behavioral health organization selected pursuant to section 25.5-5-411, and the state department;

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-67-103, amend (2)(b) as follows:

27-67-103. Definitions. As used in this article 67, unless the context otherwise requires:

(2) "Child at risk of out-of-home placement" means a child who, although not otherwise categorically eligible for medicaid, meets the following criteria:

(b) Requires a level of care that is provided in a residential child care facility pursuant to section 25.5-5-306, C.R.S. 25.5-6-903, or that is provided through in-home or community-based programs and who, without such care, is at risk of out-of-home placement;

SECTION 8. Appropriation - adjustments to 2018 long bill.

(1) To implement this act, the general fund appropriations made in the
annual general appropriation act for the 2018-19 state fiscal year to the
department of health care policy and financing and the related FTE are
increased as follows:

**Executive director's office, general administration**

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(2) To implement this act, general fund appropriations made in the
annual general appropriation act for the 2018-19 state fiscal year to the
department of health care policy and financing, which are each subject to
the "(M)" notation as defined in the annual general appropriation act for
the same fiscal year, are increased as follows:

**Medical services premiums**

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(3) To implement this act, general fund appropriations made in the
annual general appropriation act for the 2018-19 state fiscal year to the
department of health care policy and financing, which are each subject to
the "(M)" notation as defined in the annual general appropriation act for
the same fiscal year, are decreased as follows:

**Department of human services medicaid-funded programs,**
executive director's office - medicaid funding $7,818

Department of human services medicaid-funded programs,
division of child welfare - medicaid funding

Administration $42,192
Child welfare services $1,291,630

(4) For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, the general assembly anticipates that the department of health care policy and financing will receive $132,609 in federal funds to implement this act. The appropriations in subsections (1) and (2) of this section are based on the assumption that the department will receive this amount of federal funds to be used as follows:

Executive director's office, general administration

Personal services $70,938
Health, life, and dental $3,963
Short-term disability $72
S.B. 04-257 amortization equalization disbursement $1,891
S.B. 06-235 supplemental amortization equalization disbursement $1,891
Operating expenses $5,135
General professional services and special projects $14,750

Medical services premiums

Medical and long-term care services for medicaid eligible individuals $33,969

(5) The decrease of the appropriations in subsection (3) of this section is based on the assumption that the anticipated amount of federal
funds received for the 2018-19 state fiscal year by the department of
health care policy and financing will decrease as follows:

**Department of human services medicaid-funded programs,**
executive director's office - medicaid funding $7,815

**Department of human services medicaid-funded programs,**
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(6) For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, $1,257,660 is appropriated to
the department of health care policy and financing for use by the office
of community living. This appropriation is from the general fund and is
subject to the "(M)" notation as defined in the annual general
appropriation act for the same fiscal year. To implement this act, the
office may use this appropriation for the children's habilitation residential
program.

(7) For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, the general assembly
anticipates that the department of health care policy and financing will
receive $1,257,659 in federal funds for the children's habilitation
residential program to implement this act. The appropriation in subsection
(6) of this section is based on the assumption that the department will
receive this amount of federal funds.

**SECTION 9. Appropriation - adjustments to 2018 long bill.**

(1) To implement this act, the appropriations made in the annual general
appropriation act for the 2018-19 state fiscal year to the department of
human services from reappropriated medicaid funds received from the
department of health care policy and financing and the related FTE are
decreased as follows:
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**SECTION 10. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2018; except that sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of this act take effect upon notice to the revisor of statutes pursuant to section 25.5-5-306 (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, as enacted in section 2 of this act.

**SECTION 11. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.