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SENATE BILL 20-106

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF HOMELESS YOUTH TO CONSENT TO  
102 SHELTER OR SHELTER SERVICES.

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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>.)*

The bill allows a homeless youth who is 14 years of age or older (youth) to consent to receiving shelter or shelter services from a licensed homeless youth shelter. Upon receipt of such consent, a licensed homeless youth shelter is not required to notify the youth's parent or legal guardian or seek additional parental consent for shelter or shelter services.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-5.7-105, **amend**  
3 (1), (4), and (7) as follows:

4 **26-5.7-105. Child care facilities - homeless youth shelters -**  
5 **authority - duties.** (1) Licensed child care facilities, licensed homeless  
6 youth shelters, and licensed host family homes may provide both crisis  
7 intervention services and alternative residential services to homeless  
8 youth. HOMELESS YOUTH WHO ARE FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER  
9 MAY CONSENT TO RECEIVING SUCH SERVICES WITHOUT PARENTAL  
10 CONSENT.

11 (4) When a youth under ~~fifteen~~ FOURTEEN years of age is admitted  
12 to a licensed child care facility, licensed homeless youth shelter, or  
13 licensed host family home, the director of the facility, shelter, or other  
14 person in charge shall notify the county department of the county of  
15 residence of the parents of the youth within seventy-two hours of the  
16 youth's admission.

17 (7) If a youth who is at least eleven years of age but less than  
18 ~~fifteen~~ FOURTEEN years of age has been served up to twenty-one days and  
19 returns again to the licensed child care facility, licensed homeless youth  
20 shelter, or licensed host family home after leaving the facility, shelter, or  
21 host home, the director of the licensed child care facility or licensed  
22 homeless youth shelter or other person in charge shall make a referral for  
23 services to the county of residence of the parents of the youth.

24 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-5.7-106, **amend**  
25 (1) and (2) introductory portion; and **add** (3) as follows:

26 **26-5.7-106. Notification.** (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN

1 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, any person who provides shelter to a  
2 youth without the consent of the youth's parent and after said person  
3 knows that the youth is away from the home of the youth's parent without  
4 permission shall notify the youth's parent or a law enforcement officer  
5 that the youth is being sheltered within twenty-four hours after shelter has  
6 been provided and after acquiring knowledge that the youth is away from  
7 the home of the youth's parent without permission.

8 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION,  
9 upon admission of a youth to a licensed child care facility or licensed  
10 homeless youth shelter pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 5.7, the facility or  
11 shelter shall:

12 (3) A HOMELESS YOUTH WHO IS AT LEAST FOURTEEN YEARS OF  
13 AGE OR OLDER MAY CONSENT TO RECEIVING SHELTER OR SHELTER  
14 SERVICES FROM A LICENSED HOMELESS YOUTH SHELTER. ANY SUCH  
15 SHELTER THAT PROVIDES A HOMELESS YOUTH WITH SHELTER OR SHELTER  
16 SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY  
17 OR RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CONSENT FROM THE HOMELESS YOUTH'S PARENT.

18 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
21 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
22 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
23 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
24 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
25 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
26 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.