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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF HOST HOMES FOR YOUTH.

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 requires the department of human services to oversee the operations of host home programs. The bill sets requirements for organizations seeking to operate a host home program and requirements for host homes participating in a host home program.

The bill allows a youth to reside in a host home for up to 21 days, unless the youth is 18 years of age or older but under 22 years of age and consents to remain in the host home longer. A host home that hosts a youth under 11 years of age must obtain written consent from the youth's

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parent or legal guardian authorizing the temporary residence.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 26-5.7-110 as  
3 follows:

4           **26-5.7-110. Host homes for youth - report - rules - definitions.**

5 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
6 REQUIRES:

7           (a) "HOST HOME" MEANS A PRIVATE HOME THAT VOLUNTEERS TO  
8 HOST YOUTH IN NEED OF TEMPORARY PLACEMENT THAT IS ASSOCIATED  
9 WITH A HOST HOME PROGRAM WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A SAFE,  
10 TEMPORARY, AND WELCOMING SPACE TO ALLOW THE YOUTH TIME TO  
11 REPAIR THE YOUTH'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE YOUTH'S PARENT OR LEGAL  
12 GUARDIAN OR MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING OTHER LONG-TERM HOUSING  
13 OPTIONS WITH THE SUPPORT OF A HOST HOME OPERATOR.

14           (b) "HOST HOME PROGRAM" OR "PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM  
15 THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT TO A HOST HOME AND MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS  
16 OF SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

17           (c) "YOUTH" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-TWO  
18 YEARS OF AGE.

19           (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL OVERSEE THE OPERATIONS OF  
20 THE HOST HOME PROGRAMS.

21           (3) TO OPERATE A HOST HOME PROGRAM, AN ORGANIZATION MUST:

22           (a) BE A TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION FOR YOUTH NOT IN THE CARE  
23 OF, OR RECEIVING SERVICES FROM, THE STATE DEPARTMENT;

24           (b) RECRUIT AND SCREEN INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN OPERATING  
25 A HOST HOME IN THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING PERFORMING BACKGROUND

1 CHECKS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-424 ON THE INTERESTED  
2 INDIVIDUALS AND ALL INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THE HOME WHO ARE  
3 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND PERFORM A PHYSICAL  
4 INSPECTION OF THE HOME;

5 (c) PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO YOUTH IN THE  
6 PROGRAM;

7 (d) PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF SIXTY DAYS OF AFTERCARE, AS  
8 DEFINED IN 45 CFR 1351.1, FOR A YOUTH WHO LEAVES A HOST HOME;

9 (e) PROVIDE MANDATORY REPORTER AND CONFIDENTIALITY  
10 TRAINING TO HOST HOME OPERATORS; AND

11 (f) MAINTAIN ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE RECORDS  
12 DOCUMENTING THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH HOST HOME OPERATING UNDER  
13 THE PROGRAM:

14 (I) THE ADDRESS OF THE HOST HOME;

15 (II) THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL OPERATING THE HOST HOME  
16 AND ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THE HOME;

17 (III) A COPY OF THE COMPLETED BACKGROUND CHECK FOR THE  
18 INDIVIDUAL OPERATING THE HOST HOME AND ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS  
19 RESIDING IN THE HOME WHO ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER;

20 (IV) A COPY OF THE HOST HOME'S COMPLETED PHYSICAL HOME  
21 INSPECTION;

22 (V) A COPY OF THE HOST HOME'S PROPERTY OR RENTAL  
23 INSURANCE AND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE; AND

24 (VI) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE STATE  
25 DEPARTMENT.

26 (4) TO OPERATE A HOST HOME, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST:

27 (a) MAINTAIN PROPERTY OR RENTAL INSURANCE AND AUTOMOBILE

1 INSURANCE COVERING THE PROPERTY AND VEHICLES USED IN PROVIDING  
2 HOST HOME SERVICES;

3 (b) UNDERGO A BACKGROUND CHECK; AND

4 (c) COMPLY WITH ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE STATE  
5 DEPARTMENT.

6 (5) (a) IF A YOUTH IS UNDER ELEVEN YEARS OF AGE AND SEEKS  
7 ADMISSION TO A HOST HOME, THE HOST HOME MUST OBTAIN WRITTEN  
8 CONSENT FROM A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE YOUTH  
9 AUTHORIZING THE YOUTH'S TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN THE HOST HOME. IF  
10 WRITTEN CONSENT IS RECEIVED, THE YOUTH MAY RESIDE IN A HOST HOME  
11 FOR UP TO TWENTY-ONE DAYS.

12 (b) YOUTH ELEVEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER EIGHTEEN  
13 YEARS OF AGE ADMITTED TO A HOST HOME MAY RESIDE IN THE HOST HOME  
14 FOR UP TO TWENTY-ONE DAYS PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-5.7-105.

15 (c) IF A YOUTH UNDER FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE IS ADMITTED TO A  
16 HOST HOME, THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR OR HOST HOME OPERATOR MUST  
17 NOTIFY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER  
18 THE YOUTH'S ADMISSION.

19 (d) FOR YOUTH EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER  
20 TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE, THE YOUTH MAY REMAIN IN A HOST HOME  
21 BEYOND THE TWENTY-ONE-DAY PERIOD IF CONSENT IS PROVIDED TO THE  
22 HOST HOME BY THE YOUTH. DOCUMENTATION VERIFYING THE YOUTH'S  
23 CONSENT MUST BE UPDATED EVERY SIX MONTHS THEREAFTER.

24 (e) IF A YOUTH ELEVEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER  
25 TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE HAS RESIDED IN A HOST HOME FOR  
26 TWENTY-ONE DAYS, THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR OR HOST HOME OPERATOR  
27 MUST REFER THE YOUTH TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL

1 SERVICES.

2 (f) HOST HOME OPERATORS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE  
3 NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 26-5.7-106.

4 (6) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND EACH DECEMBER 1  
5 THEREAFTER, IF A PROGRAM RECEIVES LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL  
6 FUNDING, THE PROGRAM MUST ENTER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN TO  
7 THE HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND SHARE THE  
8 INFORMATION WITH THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES:

9 (a) THE NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED BY THE PROGRAM; AND

10 (b) UPON LEAVING A HOST HOME, WHETHER EACH PARTICIPATING  
11 YOUTH RETURNED TO LIVE WITH THE YOUTH'S PARENT OR LEGAL  
12 GUARDIAN, RAN AWAY, REACHED TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, OR BECAME  
13 A DEPENDANT OF THE STATE.

14 (7) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AS  
15 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-7-305, **amend**  
17 (1)(b)(II) as follows:

18 **19-7-305. Available services and supports.** (1) Each county  
19 department shall offer, at a minimum, the following services and supports  
20 to participating youth in the transition program:

21 (b) Assistance with securing safe, affordable, and stable housing  
22 in the following ways:

23 (II) With the participating youth's consent, the participating  
24 youth's housing may be in any placement approved by the county  
25 department or the court for which the participating youth is otherwise  
26 eligible, including a ~~licensed host family home~~ HOST HOME, as defined in  
27 ~~section 26-5.7-102(3.5)~~ SECTION 26-5.7-110, or a supervised independent

1 living placement, ~~and~~ that is the least restrictive option to meet the  
2 participating youth's needs; or

3 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-5.7-102, **repeal**  
4 (3.5) as follows:

5 **26-5.7-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 5.7, unless the  
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (3.5) "~~Licensed host family home~~" ~~means a home that meets the~~  
8 ~~requirements established by the state board by rule pursuant to section~~  
9 ~~26-6-909 (6).~~

10 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-5.7-105, **amend**  
11 (1), (2) introductory portion, (3), (4), and (7); and **repeal** (6) as follows:

12 **26-5.7-105. Child care facilities - homeless youth shelters -**  
13 **authority - duties - rules.** (1) Licensed child care facilities OR licensed  
14 homeless youth shelters ~~and licensed host family homes~~ may provide  
15 shelter and crisis intervention, family reconciliation, and alternative  
16 residential services to homeless youth. Homeless youth who are fifteen  
17 years of age or older may consent, in writing, to receive ~~such~~ shelter and  
18 services without parental consent when in accordance with rules  
19 promulgated by the state department pursuant to subsection (8) of this  
20 section.

21 (2) ~~Any~~ A youth admitted to a licensed child care facility OR  
22 licensed homeless youth shelter ~~or licensed host family home~~ pursuant to  
23 this article 5.7 and who is not returned to the home of the youth's parent  
24 or legal guardian or is not placed in a voluntary alternative residential  
25 placement pursuant to section 26-5.7-107 ~~shall~~ MAY reside at a facility OR  
26 shelter ~~or licensed host family home~~ described in subsection (1) of this  
27 section for a period not to exceed twenty-one days from the time of intake

1       except as otherwise provided in this article 5.7. A licensed child care  
2       facility OR licensed homeless youth shelter ~~or a licensed host family home~~  
3       shall make a concerted effort to achieve a reconciliation of the family. If  
4       a reconciliation and voluntary return of the youth have not been achieved  
5       within seventy-two hours from the time of intake and the director of the  
6       facility or shelter, or other person in charge, does not consider it likely  
7       that reconciliation will be achieved within the twenty-one-day period,  
8       then the director of the facility or shelter, or other person in charge, shall  
9       provide the youth and the youth's parent or legal guardian with a  
10      statement identifying:

11             (3) The state department shall develop a written statement of the  
12      rights and counseling services set forth in subsection (2) of this section  
13      and distribute the statement to each law enforcement agency, licensed  
14      child care facility OR licensed homeless youth shelter. ~~and licensed host~~  
15      ~~family home~~. Each law enforcement officer taking a youth into custody  
16      pursuant to this article 5.7 shall provide the youth and the youth's parent  
17      or legal guardian with a copy of the statement. Each licensed child care  
18      facility OR licensed homeless youth shelter ~~and licensed host family home~~  
19      shall provide each resident youth and the youth's parent or legal guardian  
20      with a copy of the statement.

21             (4) When a youth under fifteen years of age is admitted to a  
22      licensed child care facility OR licensed homeless youth shelter, ~~or licensed~~  
23      ~~host family home~~, the director of the facility, shelter, or other person in  
24      charge shall notify the county department within seventy-two hours of the  
25      youth's admission.

26             (6) ~~A licensed foster care home approved as a licensed host family~~  
27      ~~home shall not accept a homeless youth for placement under this section~~

1 ~~if there are any foster children currently placed in the home.~~

2 (7) If a youth who is at least eleven years of age but less than  
3 fifteen years of age has been served up to twenty-one days and returns to  
4 the licensed child care facility OR licensed homeless youth shelter ~~or~~  
5 ~~licensed host family home~~ after leaving the facility OR shelter, ~~or host~~  
6 ~~home~~, the director of the licensed child care facility or licensed homeless  
7 youth shelter or other person in charge shall make a referral for services  
8 to the county department.

9 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-5.7-108, **amend**  
10 (2) introductory portion as follows:

11 **26-5.7-108. Voluntary alternative residence - lack of parental**  
12 **agreement.** (2) The licensed child care facility OR licensed homeless  
13 youth shelter ~~or licensed host family home~~ to which the youth has been  
14 admitted may arrange for the establishment of a supervised independent  
15 living arrangement or may arrange a voluntary residential agreement  
16 between the youth and a relative or other responsible adult, a licensed  
17 child care facility, ~~a~~ OR licensed homeless youth shelter ~~or a licensed host~~  
18 ~~family home~~ if the youth has been admitted to a licensed child care  
19 facility OR licensed homeless youth shelter ~~or licensed host family home~~  
20 and:

21 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6-909, **repeal** (6)  
22 as follows:

23 **26-6-909. Standards for facilities and agencies - rules.** (6) ~~The~~  
24 ~~state board shall promulgate rules to define the requirements for licensure~~  
25 ~~for a licensed host family home serving homeless youth pursuant to the~~  
26 ~~"Homeless Youth Act", article 5.7 of this title 26.~~

27 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act



1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
3 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
4 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
5 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
6 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.