

HB22-1295 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 159, after line 1 insert:

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"PART 9

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FAMILY STRENGTHENING HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

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26.5-3-901. Legislative declaration. (1) THE GENERAL

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ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

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(a) TRADITIONAL METHODS OF DELIVERING

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FAMILY-STRENGTHENING SERVICE PROGRAMS, WHICH OFTEN REQUIRE

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PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN TO TRAVEL TO A PROGRAM SITE TO ACCESS

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SERVICES DELIVERED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO MULTIPLE FAMILIES, OFTEN

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CREATE BARRIERS, SUCH AS LIMITED ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION OR

11

CREATION OF A STIGMA AROUND RECEIVING SERVICES, THAT PREVENT

12

FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, FROM RECEIVING THE

13

BENEFITS OF THE SERVICES;

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(b) EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATES THAT VOLUNTARY, HIGH-QUALITY,

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EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS THAT DELIVER FAMILY-STRENGTHENING

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SUPPORT SERVICES HELP PARENTS AND OTHER CAREGIVERS DEVELOP THE

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SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE NEEDED TO PROMOTE THEIR CHILDREN'S

18

HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING;

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(c) HOME VISITING IS A SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY THAT IS

20

SUCCESSFULLY USED TO DELIVER A WIDE ARRAY OF HIGH-QUALITY,

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VOLUNTARY FAMILY-STRENGTHENING SUPPORT SERVICES AND THAT

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ENABLES FAMILIES TO OVERCOME BARRIERS TO ACCESS BECAUSE THE

23

SERVICES ARE DELIVERED IN THE HOME OR OTHER CONVENIENT SETTINGS,

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WHICH ARE OFTEN SELECTED BY THE FAMILY;

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(d) HOME VISITING IS A SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY THAT CAN

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BE LEVERAGED TO PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY, VOLUNTARY,

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FAMILY-STRENGTHENING SUPPORT SERVICES TO MORE COLORADO

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FAMILIES WHO HAVE FEWER RESOURCES AND ARE EXPOSED TO RISK

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FACTORS THAT MAY LEAD TO POOR OUTCOMES IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

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USING HOME VISITING TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES RESULTS IN A STRONG

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RETURN ON INVESTMENT BY IMPROVING SCHOOL READINESS AND HELPING

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COLORADO'S CHILDREN REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

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(e) FAMILY-STRENGTHENING SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ARE

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DELIVERED THROUGH HOME VISITING HAVE ALSO DEMONSTRATED

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IMPROVED FAMILY AND CHILD OUTCOMES BY PROMOTING SOLID

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PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS, IMPROVING CHILD AND PARENTAL

37

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH, IMPROVING FAMILY

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ECONOMIC SECURITY, IDENTIFYING DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS EARLY,

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PROVIDING TIMELY CHILD WELFARE INTERVENTION SERVICES, AND

1 PREVENTING TRAUMA AND TOXIC STRESS.

2 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, THEREFORE, THAT
3 AUTHORIZING GRANT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT HOME VISITING PROGRAMS
4 THAT DELIVER HIGH-QUALITY, VOLUNTARY, FAMILY-STRENGTHENING
5 SUPPORT SERVICES IS ONE OF THE BEST STRATEGIES AVAILABLE TO
6 SUPPORT PARENTS AND OTHER CAREGIVERS IN PREPARING CHILDREN FOR
7 FUTURE SUCCESS AND ENSURE ALL COLORADO CHILDREN ARE READY TO
8 LEARN WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT SCHOOL.

9 **26.5-3-902. Definition.** AS USED IN THIS PART 9, UNLESS THE
10 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "HOME VISITING" MEANS A
11 TWO-GENERATION DELIVERY STRATEGY THAT IS DESIGNED TO OVERCOME
12 BARRIERS TO ACCESSING SERVICES BY PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE
13 ARRAY OF VOLUNTARY, EVIDENCE-BASED, FAMILY-STRENGTHENING
14 SERVICES TO A FAMILY IN A LOCATION USUALLY SELECTED BY THE FAMILY
15 THAT IS CONGRUENT WITH THE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED, WHICH
16 LOCATION MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FAMILY'S
17 HOME, A HEALTH CARE SETTING, OR A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER.

18 **26.5-3-903. Family-strengthening grant programs - authorized**
19 **requirements - implementation partner - rules.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT
20 IS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE GRANT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT LOCAL
21 PROVIDERS IN DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY, VOLUNTARY,
22 FAMILY-STRENGTHENING SUPPORT SERVICES USING HOME VISITING
23 STRATEGIES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO OVERCOME THE ACCESS BARRIERS
24 OFTEN CREATED BY TRADITIONAL DELIVERY STRATEGIES. THE EXECUTIVE
25 DIRECTOR MAY PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT GRANT
26 PROGRAMS AS AUTHORIZED IN THIS SECTION.

27 (2) ANY GRANT PROGRAMS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OPERATES
28 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE DESIGNED TO AWARD GRANTS TO
29 FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDERS THAT PROVIDE A CONTINUUM OF
30 HIGH-QUALITY, VOLUNTARY, FAMILY-STRENGTHENING SUPPORT SERVICES
31 THAT:

32 (a) SERVE FAMILIES AT SOME POINT DURING THE PERIOD THAT
33 EXTENDS FROM PREGNANCY THROUGH THE CHILD'S ENROLLMENT IN EARLY
34 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES;

35 (b) ARE EVIDENCE-BASED AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED SIGNIFICANT
36 POSITIVE OUTCOMES IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

37 (I) CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOOL READINESS;

38 (II) FAMILY ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY;

39 (III) MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH;

40 (IV) REDUCTIONS IN CHILD MALTREATMENT;

41 (V) FAMILY LINKAGES AND REFERRALS TO RESOURCES; AND

42 (VI) POSITIVE PARENTING PRACTICES; AND

43 (c) ARE DELIVERED USING A HOME VISITING STRATEGY TO PROVIDE

1 FAMILY SERVICES THAT IS BASED ON A NATIONAL MODEL FOR HOME
2 VISITING SERVICES OR HAS BEEN OTHERWISE PROVEN EFFECTIVE IN
3 OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO ACCESSING SERVICES;

4 (3) IN IMPLEMENTING A FAMILY-STRENGTHENING GRANT PROGRAM
5 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH AN
6 IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER. IF A GRANT PROGRAM IS BASED ON A
7 NATIONAL MODEL FOR DELIVERING FAMILY-STRENGTHENING SERVICES,
8 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH A LOCAL PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
9 ENTITY THAT IS CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED, TO LEAD IN
10 IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL MODEL IN THE STATE, TO ACT AS THE
11 IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER. IF A GRANT PROGRAM IS NOT BASED ON A
12 NATIONAL MODEL, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR
13 PROPOSALS TO SELECT AN IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER. THE PUBLIC OR
14 PRIVATE ENTITY THAT THE DEPARTMENT SELECTS MUST, AT A MINIMUM,
15 HAVE DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE WITH HOME VISITING
16 AND THE TYPES OF FAMILY-STRENGTHENING SERVICES THAT MEET THE
17 PURPOSE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE DUTIES OF AN IMPLEMENTATION
18 PARTNER MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY DEPARTMENT RULE AND MAY VARY
19 BASED ON THE PURPOSE OF A PARTICULAR GRANT PROGRAM, BUT MUST, AT
20 A MINIMUM, INCLUDE:

21 (a) ASSISTING THE DEPARTMENT IN REVIEWING APPLICATIONS AND
22 SELECTING GRANTEEES; AND

23 (b) WORKING WITH APPLICANTS TO COMPLETE A COMMUNITY
24 READINESS ASSESSMENT WHEN NEEDED.

25 (4) THIS PART 9 DOES NOT APPLY TO NOR AFFECT
26 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "COLORADO NURSE HOME VISITOR PROGRAM
27 ACT", PART 5 OF THIS ARTICLE 3."

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