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HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services.

HB23-1160 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike line 1 and substitute "**written notice**
- 2 **- definitions.**".
  
- 3 Page 3, strike line 2.
  
- 4 Page 3, strike line 8 and substitute "FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR AN INCIDENT
- 5 OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY A COUNTY DEPARTMENT."
  
- 6 Page 3, strike lines 9 through 11 and substitute:
  
- 7       "(2) **Written notice of opportunity for appeal. A**".
  
- 8 Page 3, line 12, strike "STATE" and substitute "COUNTY".
  
- 9 Page 3, line 12, after "NOTICE" insert "PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-3-313.5
- 10 (3)".
  
- 11 Page 3, strike lines 13 through 15 and substitute "THE OPPORTUNITY TO
- 12 APPEAL AND HAVE A HEARING. THE WRITTEN NOTICE MUST BE SENT".
  
- 13 Page 3, line 18, strike "STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUED ITS FINDINGS." and
- 14 substitute "COUNTY DEPARTMENT ENTERED ITS FINDINGS. IF THE PERSON
- 15 IS A MINOR, THE WRITTEN NOTICE MUST BE SENT TO THE MINOR, THE
- 16 MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, AND ANY GUARDIAN AD LITEM OR
- 17 COUNSEL FOR YOUTH, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-91-103, APPOINTED IN A
- 18 DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT, CRIMINAL, OR DELINQUENCY CASE. IF THE
- 19 PERSON IS ENROLLED IN THE FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM
- 20 PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 19, THE WRITTEN NOTICE
- 21 MUST BE SENT TO ANY GUARDIAN AD LITEM OR COUNSEL FOR YOUTH
- 22 ASSIGNED TO THE YOUTH."
  
- 23 Page 3, line 20, strike "(I)" and substitute "(a)".
  
- 24 Page 3, line 21, strike "(A)" and substitute "(I)".
  
- 25 Page 3, line 22, strike "(B)" and substitute "(II)".
  
- 26 Page 3, line 24, strike "(C)" and substitute "(III)".
  
- 27 Page 3, line 27, strike "(D)" and substitute "(IV)".

- 1 Page 4, line 3, strike "(E)" and substitute "(V)".
- 2 Page 4, line 5, strike "(F)" and substitute "(VI)".
- 3 Page 4, line 8, strike "(G)" and substitute "(VII)".
- 4 Page 4, line 10, strike "(H)" and substitute "(VIII)".
- 5 Page 4, line 12, strike "(I)" and substitute "(IX)".
- 6 Page 4, line 14, strike "(J)" and substitute "(X)".
- 7 Page 4, line 20, strike "(K)" and substitute "(XI)".
- 8 Page 4, strike lines 22 through 25.
- 9 Page 4, line 26, strike "(III)" and substitute "(b)".
- 10 Page 5, line 1, strike "SYSTEM;" and substitute "SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO ANY  
11 REDACTIONS REQUIRED BY LAW;".
- 12 Page 5, line 2, strike "(IV) A" and substitute "(c) INFORMATION ABOUT  
13 HOW THE PERSON MAY OBTAIN A".
- 14 Page 5, line 3, strike "AND".
- 15 Page 5, strike lines 4 through 6 and substitute:
- 16 "(d) INFORMATION ABOUT THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD".
- 17 Page 5, line 7, strike "19-3.3-102." and substitute "19-3.3-102; AND  
18 (e) INFORMATION ABOUT THE OFFICE OF RESPONDENT PARENTS'  
19 COUNSEL CREATED IN SECTION 13-92-103.".
- 20 Page 5, strike lines 8 through 17 and substitute:
- 21 "(3) **Background checks.** FOR EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER  
22 PURPOSES, A BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH THE AUTOMATED CHILD  
23 WELFARE SYSTEM MAY ONLY BE CONDUCTED AND RELEASED PURSUANT  
24 TO SECTIONS 19-1-307, 26.5-5-316, AND 26-6-705 FOR A PERSON SEEKING  
25 EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEERING IN A ROLE THAT REQUIRES THE CARE,  
26 TREATMENT, OR SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN, OR UNSUPERVISED CONTACT  
27 WITH CHILDREN.".

1 Page 6, line 6, strike "COUNSEL." and substitute "COUNSEL, IF DESIRED.  
2 COUNSEL IS ONLY APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION."

3 Page 6, strike line 12 and substitute "COUNSEL. IF COUNSEL FOR YOUTH  
4 HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE YOUTH IN A DEPENDENCY AND  
5 NEGLECT OR FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM CASE THROUGH THE  
6 OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
7 13-91-102, THE YOUTH'S COUNSEL FOR YOUTH MAY CONTINUE  
8 REPRESENTING THE YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE HEARING REQUESTED  
9 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION IF APPROVED BY THE  
10 OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE. IF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IS  
11 APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PERSON IN A  
12 DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT, CRIMINAL, OR DELINQUENCY CASE THROUGH  
13 THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE, THE PERSON'S GUARDIAN AD  
14 LITEM MAY CONTINUE REPRESENTING THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PERSON  
15 THROUGHOUT THE HEARING REQUESTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF  
16 THIS SECTION IF APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S  
17 REPRESENTATIVE."

18 Page 6, line 22, strike "UPON, AT A MINIMUM," and substitute "UPON".

19 Page 6, strike lines 23 through 27.

20 Page 7, strike lines 1 through 17.

21 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

22 Page 7, line 19, strike "AGE." and substitute "AGE, OR AGAINST A PERSON  
23 WHO IS THIRTEEN TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE UNLESS THE PERSON IS A  
24 PARENT OF THE ALLEGED VICTIM OR THE LEVEL OF THE FINDING IS SEVERE,  
25 EGREGIOUS, NEAR-FATAL, OR FATAL."

26 Page 7, strike lines 20 through 27.

27 Page 8, strike lines 1 through 16 and substitute:

28           "(5) **Rules.** NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2024, THE STATE BOARD, IN  
29 COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S  
30 REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE OFFICE OF RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL,  
31 SHALL PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS  
32 SECTION AND TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS AND EFFICIENCY IN THE APPEALS  
33 PROCESS.

34           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 19-3-313.7 as

1 follows:

2 **19-3-313.7. Automated child welfare system task force -**  
3 **membership - recommendations - legislative declaration - repeal.**

4 (1) **Legislative declaration.** (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND  
5 DECLARES THAT:

6 (I) THE COLORADO AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, KNOWN  
7 AS THE "TRAILS SYSTEM", IS A CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USED BY  
8 TRAINED CHILD WELFARE CASEWORKERS TO MANAGE INFORMATION IN  
9 ORDER TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT;

10 (II) WHEN A PERSON IN COLORADO IS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR  
11 CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN OR  
12 SOCIAL SERVICES, A FINDING IS ENTERED INTO THE TRAILS SYSTEM,  
13 WHICH OCCURS SEPARATELY FROM ANY COURT PROCESS;

14 (III) A TRAILS SYSTEM BACKGROUND CHECK CAN ONLY BE  
15 CONDUCTED AND RELEASED FOR A PERSON SEEKING EMPLOYMENT OR  
16 VOLUNTEERING IN A ROLE THAT REQUIRES THE CARE, TREATMENT, OR  
17 SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN, OR UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH CHILDREN;

18 (IV) CHILD ABUSE RECORDS AND REPORTS PROVIDE PROTECTION  
19 TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN COLORADO; HOWEVER, WHEN A PERSON  
20 HAS NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTEST A FINDING OF CHILD ABUSE  
21 OR NEGLECT, IT CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; AND

22 (V) EQUITABLE ACCESS, INCLUDING ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL,  
23 AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE APPEALS PROCESS IS A PRIORITY TO THOSE  
24 PROVIDING AND RECEIVING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

25 (b) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT IT IS  
26 NECESSARY TO CREATE A TASK FORCE THAT CONSISTS OF PEOPLE WITH  
27 EXPERIENCE IN OR KNOWLEDGE OF CHILD WELFARE POLICIES AND  
28 PROCEDURES TO EXAMINE CURRENT RULES AND STATUTES GOVERNING  
29 FINDINGS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
30 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON POTENTIAL  
31 ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO SUPPORT DUE PROCESS,  
32 FAIRNESS, AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE APPEALS PROCESS.

33 (2) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
34 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

35 (a) "AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM" MEANS THE STATE  
36 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM  
37 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 19-3-313.3, KNOWN AS THE "TRAILS SYSTEM".

38 (b) "BACKGROUND CHECK" MEANS ANY CHECK OF THE  
39 AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER  
40 PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 19-1-307, 26.5-5-316, AND 26-6-705.

41 (c) "PERSON" MEANS A PERSON, INCLUDING A CHILD OR YOUTH,  
42 SUSPECTED OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

43 (d) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE

1 SYSTEM TASK FORCE CREATED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.  
2 (3) **Automated child welfare system task force.** (a) THERE IS  
3 CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN,  
4 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-3.3-102, THE AUTOMATED CHILD  
5 WELFARE SYSTEM TASK FORCE TO ANALYZE CURRENT STATUTES, RULES,  
6 AND PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING, RELEASING, AND APPEALING A FINDING  
7 OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.  
8 (b) THE TASK FORCE SHALL FOCUS ON SERVING UNDER-RESOURCED  
9 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
10 WHO ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS  
11 OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. THE TASK FORCE MAY MAKE FINDINGS  
12 AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE GOVERNOR,  
13 AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE  
14 CHANGES TO UPDATE THE PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING, RELEASING, AND  
15 APPEALING FINDINGS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN ORDER TO CREATE  
16 AN EQUITABLE SYSTEM FOR ALL COLORADO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN,  
17 INCLUDING HOW TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FINDINGS OF CHILD  
18 ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN PROTECTING CHILDREN AND HOW TO MITIGATE  
19 THE IMPACT OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FINDINGS ON  
20 UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS  
21 WITH DISABILITIES.  
22 (4) **Membership.** (a) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE  
23 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:  
24 (I) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN, AS DESCRIBED IN  
25 SECTION 19-3.3-102, OR THE OMBUDSMAN'S DESIGNEE;  
26 (II) TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
27 SERVICES, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT  
28 OF HUMAN SERVICES;  
29 (III) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S  
30 REPRESENTATIVE CREATED IN SECTION 13-91-104, APPOINTED BY THE  
31 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE;  
32 (IV) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE RESPONDENT  
33 PARENTS' COUNSEL CREATED IN SECTION 13-92-103, APPOINTED BY THE  
34 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL;  
35 (V) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,  
36 APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION  
37 REPRESENTING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS;  
38 (VI) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY  
39 CHILDHOOD, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
40 DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD;  
41 (VII) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE  
42 ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND  
43 ADMINISTRATION, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE

1 DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION;  
2 (VIII) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CHILD  
3 PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN:  
4 (A) TWO MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT A COUNTY DEPARTMENT, ONE  
5 FROM AN URBAN COUNTY AND ONE FROM A RURAL COUNTY;  
6 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A COUNTY ATTORNEY REPRESENTING  
7 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS;  
8 (C) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE PROVIDING KINSHIP CARE OR  
9 AS A FOSTER PARENT;  
10 (D) ONE MEMBER FROM A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION  
11 REPRESENTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES;  
12 (E) THREE MEMBERS REPRESENTING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED  
13 EXPERIENCE WITH THE STATE'S ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PROCESS;  
14 (F) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION  
15 SERVING OR REPRESENTING VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS;  
16 (G) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDER, AS  
17 DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-5-303 (4);  
18 (H) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN ATTORNEY WITH EXPERIENCE  
19 REPRESENTING CLIENTS IN APPEALS BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW  
20 JUDGE; AND  
21 (I) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CURRENT OR FORMER LICENSED SOCIAL  
22 WORKER WITH EXPERIENCE CONDUCTING CHILD WELFARE ASSESSMENTS.  
23 (b) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS WHO  
24 REPRESENT DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS, RACE AND ETHNICITY,  
25 GENDER, RELIGION, LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM,  
26 AND SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS.  
27 (c) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE THE  
28 APPOINTMENTS NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2023. THE TERM OF THE  
29 APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE DURATION OF THE TASK FORCE. THE APPOINTING  
30 AUTHORITIES SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY SUBJECT TO THE SAME  
31 QUALIFICATIONS AS THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT.  
32 (d) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN, OR THE OMBUDSMAN'S  
33 DESIGNEE, IS THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE. AT THE TASK FORCE'S FIRST  
34 MEETING, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SELECT A VICE-CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS  
35 MEMBERS. THE CHAIR AND THE VICE-CHAIR SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF  
36 THE TASK FORCE.  
37 (e) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN SHALL CONVENE THE  
38 FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.  
39 THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY MONTH UNTIL THE  
40 TASK FORCE SUBMITS ITS FINAL REPORT AND AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR  
41 AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE TASK FORCE'S DUTIES. THE TASK FORCE  
42 MAY MEET ELECTRONICALLY. THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD PROTECTION  
43 OMBUDSMAN SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT AS NECESSARY FOR THE

1 TASK FORCE TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES.

2 (5) **Task force recommendations.** (a) THE TASK FORCE SHALL,  
3 AT A MINIMUM, ANALYZE:

4 (I) WHETHER A STUDY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE  
5 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT PROCESS FOR MAKING, ENTERING,  
6 APPEALING, AND RELEASING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FINDINGS AND  
7 DETERMINE THE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR SUCH A STUDY;

8 (II) THE SUFFICIENCY OF STATEWIDE DATA THAT MEASURES  
9 QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE EXPERIENCES OF PERSONS FOUND  
10 RESPONSIBLE BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT;

11 (III) THE COMPREHENSIVENESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING  
12 RULES AND STATUTES IN ENSURING TIMELINESS AND DUE PROCESS UNDER  
13 THE CURRENT PROCESS FOR APPEALING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
14 FINDINGS;

15 (IV) NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES; AND

16 (V) IN CONSULTATION WITH ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDERS AS  
17 NEEDED, ADDRESS ALL ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS NECESSARY TO FINALIZE  
18 THE TASK FORCE'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

19 (b) THE TASK FORCE SHALL DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS  
20 REGARDING:

21 (I) OPTIONS TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION TO ALL INDIGENT  
22 PERSONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
23 FINDINGS;

24 (II) OPTIONS TO IMPROVE ACCESS, EDUCATION, AND ACCESSIBILITY  
25 TO APPEALS RELATED TO CHILD ABUSE AND; AND

26 (III) WHEN A FINDING SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE AUTOMATED  
27 CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM OR RELEASED DURING A BACKGROUND CHECK OF  
28 A PERSON.

29 (c) THE TASK FORCE MAY DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS AT ITS  
30 DISCRETION CONCERNING:

31 (I) STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES FOR ENSURING DUE  
32 PROCESS IN APPEALS OR REVIEW OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FINDINGS  
33 AND THE USE OF SUCH FINDINGS FOR BACKGROUND CHECK PURPOSES;

34 (II) RESOURCES NECESSARY TO IMPROVE OR FACILITATE  
35 COMMUNICATION EFFORTS OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE STATE  
36 DEPARTMENT WITH PERSONS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR ABUSE AND  
37 NEGLECT;

38 (III) WHETHER CERTAIN LEVELS OF SEVERITY OR TYPES OF  
39 FINDINGS SHOULD NOT BE REPORTED ON BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR  
40 PERSONS BEING CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEER  
41 OPPORTUNITIES WORKING WITH CHILDREN; AND

42 (IV) BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES, AND  
43 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY CHANGES.

1 (d) IN CARRYING OUT THIS SUBSECTION (5), THE TASK FORCE  
2 SHALL CONSIDER:

3 (I) THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE  
4 CONSTITUTION, CASE LAW, STATUTES, RULES, PRACTICES, AND STANDARDS  
5 THAT GOVERN THE DETERMINATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
6 FINDINGS;

7 (II) BEST PRACTICES FOLLOWED IN OTHER STATES OR  
8 RECOMMENDED BY NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE EXPERTS TO PROMOTE DUE  
9 PROCESS, POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES, TRANSPARENCY, AND  
10 SAFETY FOR CHILDREN;

11 (III) FEDERAL GUIDANCE; AND

12 (IV) JUVENILE CODES AND RULES FROM OTHER STATES  
13 IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES.

14 (e) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE TASK FORCE  
15 WITH COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT PROCESS FOR  
16 ASSESSMENTS, APPEALS, AND THE RELEASE OF RECORDS, INCLUDING A  
17 GLOSSARY OF SPECIFIC TERMS TO AIDE IN THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING  
18 OF THE PROCESSES.

19 (6) **Report.** (a) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2023, THE TASK  
20 FORCE SHALL SUBMIT A FIRST-YEAR STATUS REPORT ADDRESSING, AT A  
21 MINIMUM, RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO ENSURE ACCESS TO COUNSEL  
22 FOR INDIGENT PERSONS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND  
23 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE  
24 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR  
25 COMMITTEES. THE FIRST-YEAR STATUS REPORT MUST INCLUDE A  
26 SUMMARY OF THE TASK FORCE'S WORK AND THE TASK FORCE'S INITIAL  
27 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IF AVAILABLE.

28 (b) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, THE TASK FORCE SHALL  
29 SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND  
30 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE  
31 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR  
32 COMMITTEES, THAT INCLUDES A SUMMARY OF THE TASK FORCE'S WORK  
33 AND THE TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS, IF APPLICABLE.

34 (7) **Repeal.** THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2025.

35 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
36 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
37 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."

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