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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

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**Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons  
with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice  
Systems**

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**BILL TOPIC: "Youth In Juv Detention Facilities With Hepatitis C"**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING IMMEDIATE TREATMENT OF YOUTH IN JUVENILE**  
102 **DETENTION FACILITIES WHO HAVE A DIAGNOSIS OF HEPATITIS C.**

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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/>.)*

**Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems.** The bill directs the executive director of the department of human services (executive director) to implement a program to identify and treat youth with a diagnosis of hepatitis C who are being held in a juvenile detention facility following adjudication. A

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

youth who is identified as having a diagnosis of hepatitis C must be treated immediately with the appropriate medication without any requirement for prior authorization. If the implementation of the program would require an increase in appropriations, the executive director shall submit to the joint budget committee a request for funding in the amount necessary to implement the program.

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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** 19-2.5-1516.5  
3 as follows:

4           **19-2.5-1516.5. Juvenile detention facilities - treatment of youth**  
5 **with a diagnosis of hepatitis C.** ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, <{DATE  
6 OKAY?}> THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
7 IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY AND TREAT YOUTH WITH A  
8 DIAGNOSIS OF HEPATITIS C WHO ARE BEING HELD IN A JUVENILE  
9 DETENTION FACILITY FOLLOWING ADJUDICATION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
10 IMMEDIATELY TREAT A YOUTH WHO IS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A DIAGNOSIS  
11 OF HEPATITIS C WITH THE APPROPRIATE MEDICATION WITHOUT A  
12 REQUIREMENT FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION.

13           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.