

CHAPTER 218

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

HOUSE BILL 97-1029

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AN ACT

CONCERNING EXTENSION OF THE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. 26-18-101 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1989 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

26-18-101. Legislative declaration. (3) Therefore, the general assembly finds that it is appropriate to establish a ~~three-year demonstration~~ project that provides family development centers which serve as a single point of entry for providing comprehensive, intensive, integrated, state and community-based services to families in at-risk neighborhoods.

SECTION 2. 26-18-103 (1) (b), (4), (6), and (7), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1989 Repl. Vol., as amended, are amended to read:

26-18-103. State council created - powers and duties - report. (1) (b) The state council shall be responsible for the planning of the family development center ~~pilot~~ program created in section 26-18-104 and for making recommendations ~~at the conclusion of the program~~ to the general assembly concerning the effectiveness of the ~~pilot~~ program and the advisability of ~~establishing~~ CONTINUING a statewide family development center program.

(4) The state council shall establish the procedure for the submittal of grant

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applications by community applicants seeking to establish family development centers. The procedure shall set forth the method for making application including time frames, the criteria to be considered in awarding a grant, and the method for the making of annual reports to the state council concerning the effectiveness of the family development center ~~pilot~~ program in accordance with section 26-18-105 (2). In addition, the state council shall establish any other procedures necessary to implement this article, including a method for evaluating the effectiveness of the family development center ~~pilot~~ program.

(6) The state council shall consult with the local advisory councils established pursuant to section 26-18-105; evaluate the effectiveness of the family development center ~~pilot~~ program annually, based on reports submitted to the state council by local advisory councils in accordance with section 26-18-105 (2); and shall submit a ~~final~~ report on the effectiveness of the program to the general assembly no later than ~~September 30, 1997~~ JANUARY 1, 2000. In addition, as part of the ~~final~~ report, the state council shall make recommendations concerning the ~~establishment and~~ CONTINUED implementation of a statewide family development center program.

(7) The state council is hereby authorized to accept and expend any grants from any public or private source for the purpose of making grants to community applicants for the establishment of family development centers and for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the family development center ~~pilot~~ program. Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit a family development center from accepting and expending grants or donations from public or private sources.

SECTION 3. 26-18-104 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1989 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

26-18-104. Program created. (1) ~~On or before November 1, 1993,~~ There shall be established by the state council a family development center ~~pilot~~ program. The purpose of said program shall be to provide grants to community applicants for the creation of family development centers through which services for families who live in at-risk neighborhoods are accessible and coordinated through a single point of entry. The program shall be implemented no later than January 1, 1994, and shall terminate no later than July 1, ~~1997~~ 2000. ~~At least three grants for start-up costs shall be awarded by the state council under the pilot program.~~ MONEYS FOR THE PROGRAM MAY COME FROM APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR FROM THE FAMILY ISSUES CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 26-5.3-106.

SECTION 4. 26-18-106, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1989 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

26-18-106. Repeal of article. This article is repealed, effective July 1, ~~1997~~ 2000, or on the date that federal funds are no longer available for this program, whichever comes first.

SECTION 5. 26-5.3-106 (1.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1989 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

26-5.3-106. State's savings - cash fund created - use of moneys in fund - plan required. (1.5) All moneys in the fund shall be subject to annual appropriation by

the general assembly and shall be used for the purposes set forth in the plan for improving the child welfare system in the state, developed in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, ~~and~~ for the implementation of the emergency assistance program established pursuant to section 26-5.3-104, AND FOR THE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-18-104. Federal funds received by the state for the emergency assistance program shall be used only for such program and not for any other purpose. In accordance with section 24-36-114, C.R.S., all interest derived from the deposit and investment of moneys in the fund shall be credited to the general fund. It is the general assembly's intent that no additional state or county general fund moneys shall be used to finance the implementation of the plan established in accordance with subsection (2) of this section.

SECTION 6. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the family issues cash fund established in section 26-5.3-106, Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of human services for allocation to the family development center program established in section 26-18-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, the sum of nine hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$960,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 7. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 28, 1997