

CHAPTER 26

CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC MATTERS

HOUSE BILL 00-1152

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also SENATORS Owen, Lacy, and Tanner.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE EXPEDITED PERMANENCY PLANNING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN.

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

SECTION 1. 19-1-123 (1) (b) and (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

19-1-123. Expedited procedures for permanent placement - children under the age of six years - designated counties - annual report. (1) (b) ~~The implementation schedule developed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall be contingent upon the availability of moneys in the family issues cash fund created in section 26-5.3-106, C.R.S., including any moneys transferred pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section as a result of out-of-home placement costs avoidance.~~

(2) (a) On or before December 31, 1995, and each December 31 thereafter through and including December 31, 2003, the department of human services in consultation with the judicial department shall submit a written report to the joint budget committee and to the house and senate committees on health, education, welfare, and institutions regarding program effectiveness and progress toward statewide implementation. Such report shall also provide an evaluation as to whether out-of-home placement costs have been avoided as a result of the program. ~~In the event such costs have been avoided, the department of human services shall request that any available moneys be transferred from the out-of-home placement budget category to the family issues cash fund for the purposes of statewide implementation.~~ The implementation of expedited procedures in additional counties shall be subject to specific appropriation by the general assembly OR BY DETERMINATION BY A COUNTY THAT NO ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ARE NEEDED.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. 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: March 10, 2000