

CHAPTER 198

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

HOUSE BILL 01-1234

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AN ACT

CONCERNING INTERVIEWS WITH PARTICIPANTS OF THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Part 7 of article 2 of title 26, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

26-2-709.5. Exit interviews and follow-up interviews of participants. (1) IN ORDER TO FOLLOW THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT DECLARED IN SECTION 26-2-702 (1) (a), A COUNTY DEPARTMENT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONDUCT EXIT AND FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEWS UPON CASE CLOSURE, EITHER IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE, WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM, INCLUDING PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN RECEIVING A STATE DIVERSION GRANT PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-2-707 (1), OR A COUNTY DIVERSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-2-707 (2). SUCH INTERVIEWS SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE PARTICIPANT AND OFFERING ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATIONS FOR OR CONTINUANCE OF ASSISTANCE UNDER MEDICAID, FOOD STAMPS, THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT, OR OTHER PROGRAMS SUCH AS WELFARE-TO-WORK OR OTHER COUNTY BENEFITS OR SERVICES.

(2) THROUGH ONGOING EVALUATION OF THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM, THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE SHALL EVALUATE THE RESULTS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SUCH INTERVIEWS AND MAKE SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND SHALL INCLUDE ITS FINDINGS IN A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

SECTION 2. 26-2-722 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

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

26-2-722. Legislative oversight committee - created - repeal. (4) This section is repealed, effective July 1, ~~2001~~ 2004.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: May 30, 2001