

CHAPTER 55

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

HOUSE BILL 02-1026

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AN ACT

CONCERNING SEGREGATED FUNDING UNDER THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. 26-2-714, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

26-2-714. County block grants formula - use of moneys. (5.5) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO SEGREGATE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(b) IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT SEGREGATES COUNTY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5.5):

(I) COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SHALL REPORT TO THE STATE EXPENDITURES THEY HAVE MADE IN A SEGREGATED MANNER, ACCORDING TO RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW;

(II) THE COUNTIES SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES REGARDING THE USE OF SEGREGATED FUNDS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5.5);

(III) FUNDS SHALL BE SEGREGATED IN ORDER TO ENSURE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY AND TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OR SERVICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW.

(c) THROUGH ONGOING EVALUATION OF THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-2-723, THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE SHALL REPORT THE COUNTY EXPENDITURES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN A SEGREGATED MANNER AND THE

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EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THE EXPENDITURES WERE MADE AND SHALL INCLUDE ITS FINDINGS IN A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

(d) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION (5.5).

SECTION 2. 26-2-706.5 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

26-2-706.5. Restrictions on length of participation. (1) UNLESS CASH ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED THROUGH SEGREGATED FUNDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-2-714, as of June 3, 1997, each month of cash assistance received by an assistance unit that includes a caretaker relative who has received assistance under Title IV-A of the social security act, as amended, shall count toward that caretaker relative's sixty-month lifetime maximum of TANF benefits as established in the personal responsibility and work opportunity reconciliation act.

SECTION 3. 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.

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