

CHAPTER 101

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

HOUSE BILL 05-1198

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also SENATOR(S) Sandoval, Groff, Hanna, Tochtrop, and Williams.

AN ACT**CONCERNING OBJECTIVES FOR REFORMING CHILD WELFARE.**

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

SECTION 1. 26-5-102 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPHS to read:

26-5-102. Provision of child welfare services - system reform goals.

(2) Reforms in child welfare and related delivery systems shall be directed at the following objectives:

(h) PROMOTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FAMILY-CENTERED, COMMUNITY-BASED STRATEGY FOR PLACEMENT DECISIONS THAT INCLUDES TEAM DECISION MAKING, FAMILY-GROUP DECISION MAKING, OR OTHER AGENCY DECISION MAKING PROCESSES THAT INVOLVE THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS;

(i) PROMOTION OF THE LOCAL PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH FAMILIES BY RECRUITING AND SUPPORTING FAMILY FOSTER HOMES WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES IN WHICH IDENTIFIED CHILDREN RESIDE.

SECTION 2. 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 (August 10, 2005, if adjournment sine

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die is on May 11, 2005); 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: April 22, 2005