

CHAPTER 120

COURTS

SENATE BILL 09-048

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Primavera, Kerr J., McNulty, Fischer, Labuda, Peniston, Ryden, Todd, Vigil.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE.

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

SECTION 1. 13-91-105 (1) (g), (1) (h), and (1) (i), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

13-91-105. Duties of the office of the child's representative - guardian ad litem programs - CASA programs. (1) In addition to any responsibilities assigned to it by the chief justice, the office of the child's representative shall:

(g) ~~Cause an annual, independent financial audit to be performed on the financial aspects of the office of the child's representative, the reports for which shall be submitted to the members of the general assembly and the state court administrator's office, together with the reports specified in paragraphs (h) and (i) of this subsection (1);~~

(h) Cause a program review and outcome-based evaluation of the performance of the office of the child's representative to be conducted annually to determine whether the office is effectively and efficiently meeting the goals of improving child and family well-being and the duties set forth in this section, the reports for which shall be submitted to the members of the general assembly and the state court administrator's office, together with the reports specified in paragraphs (g) and PARAGRAPH (i) of this subsection (1); and

(i) Report the activities of the office of the child's representative to the members of the general assembly and to the state court administrator's office, together with the reports specified in paragraphs (g) and PARAGRAPH (h) of this subsection (1), on or before September 1, 2001, and on or before September 1 of each year thereafter.

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. Act subject to petition - 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 5, 2009, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2009); 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 16, 2009