

CHAPTER 97

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

SENATE BILL 10-009

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AN ACT**CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY POVERTY REDUCTION TASK FORCE.**

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

SECTION 1. 2-2-1405 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

2-2-1405. Economic opportunity poverty reduction task force - duties.

(2) To carry out its duties pursuant to this section, the task force, at a minimum, shall:

(a) Study and evaluate best policies and practices that:

(I) Build family assets and financial stability;

(II) Increase preschool through postsecondary educational opportunities;

(III) Expand the work force with quality jobs that meet private sector needs;

(IV) Make work pay through the use of fair and sustainable targeted tax policies;
and

(V) Address work-support issues;

(b) Study and evaluate:

(I) Federally supported and state-supported programs that serve persons living in poverty;

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

(II) The economic impact of poverty;

(III) Current policies and services that affect persons living below the self-sufficiency standard;

(IV) How various issues interact to impact poverty, such as a lack of education, health care, housing, income, child care, and food security, AND THE DIFFICULTIES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES TO FIND EMPLOYMENT;

(V) The Colorado works program, with the goal of recommending changes to increase pathways to self-sufficiency; and

(VI) The supplemental nutrition assistance program, with the goal of recommending changes to increase participation and secure additional federal dollars for assistance with education and training; ~~and~~

(c) THROUGH THE METRICS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY POVERTY REDUCTION TASK FORCE, DEVELOP A RELEVANT, FLUID MODEL FOR ONGOING ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCING POVERTY AND INCREASING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN COLORADO AND RECOMMEND THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPT THE TASK FORCE'S MODEL FOR PURPOSES OF EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND POLICIES AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC PROGRAMS IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE TASK FORCE; AND

~~(c)~~ (d) Review findings and make legislative recommendations, each year, if appropriate, to the legislative council in conformance with rule 24 of the joint rules of the senate and the house of representatives. Legislation recommended by the task force shall be treated as legislation recommended by an interim legislative committee for purposes of any introduction deadlines or bill limitations imposed by the joint rules of the general assembly.

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 (August 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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