

Please Vote YES on HB19-1197

Concerning Restrictions On Making Public the Personal Information of Government Employees Whose Official Duties Involve Child Abuse and Neglect Cases

**Sponsors: Rep Carver & Singer
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Problem:

HB19-1197 addresses two problems:

- 1) Child Protection Caseworkers often experience threats related to their official duties. Caseworkers' personal information is available on the internet and creates safety issues for the caseworker, their children, and their families, even while at home. County attorneys who are engaged in taking legal action regarding allegations of child abuse and neglect are also included
- 2) Threats against caseworkers cause safety, morale, and job retention problems. (Casey Family Programs Turnover and Retention (2017))

Solution:

Section 1: HB19-1197 makes it unlawful for a person to knowingly make available on the internet personal information of a caseworker or a caseworker's family if the dissemination of the personal information poses an imminent and serious threat to the safety of the caseworker or the caseworker's family and the person disseminating the information knew or should have known of the imminent or serious threat. A caseworker may submit a written request to a state or local government official to remove records that the official makes available on the internet if the dissemination of the personal information in the records poses an imminent and serious threat to their safety.

Section 2: A state or local government official is also required to deny a request for inspection of the above personal information under the "Colorado Open Records Act" for those same records.

Please Support HB19-1197

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