

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

February 18, 2026

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB26-018 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 10, strike "IF A PETITIONER IS UNDER
- 2 EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD" and substitute "BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, IF A
- 3 PETITIONER IS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF FILING THE
- 4 PETITION,".
- 5 Page 2, line 12, strike "THE" and substitute "NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION
- 6 13-15-102, THE".

7 Page 3, after line 3 insert:

8 "(III) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, IF A
9 PERSON PETITIONS THE COURT TO SUPPRESS A COURT RECORD ASSOCIATED
10 WITH A PETITION TO CHANGE THE PETITIONER'S NAME THAT IS FILED
11 BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, THE COURT SHALL GRANT THE REQUEST AND ORDER
12 THE RECORDS SUPPRESSED.".

13 Page 3, line 4, strike "ISSUE AN ORDER AUTHORIZING" and substitute
14 "GRANT".

15 Page 3, after line 8 insert:

16 **"SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-15-102, **add**
17 (3.5) as follows:

18 **13-15-102. Publication of change.**

19 (3.5) A PETITIONER IS NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF A
20 NAME CHANGE AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE
21 PETITION IS BEING FILED BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, A PERSON WHO IS UNDER
22 EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD."

- 1 Page 3 strike lines 9 through 27.
- 2 Strike page 4.
- 3 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 9.
- 4 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.
- 5 Page 1, line 103, strike "NAME AND" and substitute "NAME.".
- 6 Page 1, strike lines 104 through 108.

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