

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

February 18, 2026  
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

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

HB26-1103 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, after line 1, add:
  - 2 "SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general
  - 3 assembly finds and declares that:
    - 4 (a) This act seeks to provide further pathways for justice and
    - 5 healing for child victims and does not usurp or otherwise interfere with
    - 6 the current mandatory reporting structure; and
    - 7 (b) This act does not impose a required timeline for an
    - 8 investigation, or for a forensic interview to be completed, but instead
    - 9 ensures that a child victim receives professional care as early as is
    - 10 feasible after an allegation of sexual abuse."
- 11 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 12 Page 2, line 9, strike "TWENTY-FOUR HOURS" and substitute "ONE WEEK".
- 13 Page 2, line 15, strike "CENTER, EVEN IF THE CENTER IS LOCATED".
- 14 Page 2, strike line 16 and substitute "CENTER WITHIN THE STATE OF
- 15 COLORADO."
- 16 Page 2, after line 16 insert:
  - 17 "(2) IF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST THAT PROHIBIT THE
  - 18 LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY OR PEACE OFFICER FROM REPORTING THE
  - 19 ALLEGATION TO THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER WITHIN ONE WEEK, THE
  - 20 LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY OR PEACE OFFICER MUST EXPLAIN THE
  - 21 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER WHEN

- 1 THE ENTITY OR OFFICER REPORTS THE ALLEGATION."
- 2 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.
- 3 Page 2, line 22, strike "VICTIM." and substitute "VICTIM, IF THE LAW
- 4 ENFORCEMENT ENTITY OR PEACE OFFICER DEEMS A FORENSIC INTERVIEW
- 5 NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE."
- 6 Page 3, line 15, strike "THERE IS A".
- 7 Page 3, strike lines 16 through 19 and substitute "THE TRIAL COURT SHALL
- 8 MAKE FINDINGS ON THE RECORD REGARDING THE WITNESS'S ABILITY TO
- 9 TESTIFY IN THE COURTROOM AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DEFENDANT;".

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