

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 17, 2026
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

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

HB26-1298 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6-903, **amend**
3 (6); and **add** (6.5) as follows:

4 **26-6-903. Definitions.**

5 As used in this part 9, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (6) "Child placement agency" or "agency" means a corporation,
7 partnership, association, firm, agency, institution, or person unrelated to
8 the child being placed, who places, facilitates placement for a fee, or
9 arranges for placement for care of a child under eighteen years of age OLD
10 with a family, person, or institution. A child placement agency may place,
11 facilitate placement, or arrange for the placement of a child for the
12 purpose of adoption, foster care, treatment foster care, or therapeutic
13 foster care. AS A PRIVATE ENTITY, A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY IS NOT
14 AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION FROM
15 THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. The natural parents or guardian
16 of a child who place the child for care with a facility licensed as a family
17 child care home or child care center, as defined in section 26.5-5-303, are
18 not a child placement agency.

19 (6.5) "COUNTY DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT
20 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES."

21 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

22 Page 3, strike lines 20 and 21 and substitute "who resides at the facility
23 or the home:".

24 Page 4, strike lines 6 through 10 and substitute "~~federal bureau of~~

1 ~~investigation;~~".

2 Page 4, strike line 16 and substitute "section 22-2-119.3 (6)(d)".

3 Page 9, strike lines 18 through 20 and substitute "individual who begins
4 residing in the licensed facility. As part of the investigation, the records".

5 Page 9, strike lines 23 and 24 and substitute "newly hired employee,
6 licensee,".

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