

CHAPTER 49

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

HOUSE BILL 26-1192

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AN ACT**CONCERNING RESTRUCTURING THE HOMELESS PREVENTION ACTIVITIES PROGRAM.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-7.8-102, **amend** the introductory portion; and **repeal** (1.5) as follows:

26-7.8-102. Definitions.

As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 7.8, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1.5) ~~"Executive director" means the executive director of the department of local affairs.~~

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-7.8-103, **amend** (1.5) as follows:

26-7.8-103. Homeless prevention activities program - criteria.

(1.5) ~~The DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE program established by this article shall be administered by the division with recommendations from an advisory committee which is hereby created. The advisory committee shall be composed of at least three members selected by the executive director. One member shall be a representative of the department of human services, and two members shall be representatives from the public at large. The committee shall serve without compensation and shall not be entitled to reimbursement for their expenses while attending meetings of the committee. The division shall administer the program under the direction of the advisory committee~~ ARTICLE 7.8.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-7.8-104, **amend** (3) and (4) as follows:

26-7.8-104. Homeless prevention activities program - contracts with nongovernmental agency - program standards.

(3) The ~~advisory committee shall direct the division to~~ SHALL establish and enforce standards for all homeless prevention activities programs established pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 7.8.

(4) The ~~advisory committee~~ DIVISION shall establish standards governing this program which assure that the funds collected pursuant to section 39-22-1301, ~~C.R.S.~~, are allocated to nongovernmental agencies, either directly or through the coordination and oversight of units of local government, for use for direct client services and assistance.

SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes 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 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); 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 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 13, 2026